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Only Our Best Will Do

Friday 18th December 2020

Information for January 2021

PLEASE READ THE LETTER BELOW FROM CARDIFF CITY COUNCIL

Due to the on-going rise in the number of positive Covid-19 cases across Wales, we have been instructed by Cardiff City Council to continue with the on-line learning model for the first week in the new school term. As Allensbank has an Inset day on Monday 4th of January, **online learning for all pupils will commence on Tuesday 5th January.**

We are really sorry that we are having to make yet another change at such short notice and appreciate that this is going to cause some parents difficulties.

All parents will be emailed information regarding home learning on Monday 4th January. Teachers will be planning work on-line every day and it is an expectation that children will complete this work at home.

Dates for January

Monday 4th January- Inset day. School closed and no online/distance learning

Tuesday 5th- Friday 8th January- online/distance learning for all pupils

Wednesday 6th- Friday 8th January- Provision for children of Key Workers/Vulnerable pupils at Allensbank

Key worker child care request-

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kz1kdVTFiEVPob3NUqE8qBVUMlpSTzQ4STFTNkZYWkRDUONFTUk1UzhBOC4u

Covid-19

Over the Christmas period you can keep up to date with Government guidance using the link below.

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-regulations-guidance>

Upon return in January, we respectfully ask that all adults continue to wear a face mask when entering the school site. It is also vital that social distancing rules are observed with all school staff and other parents. If tighter restrictions are put in place, we will up date you as soon as possible.

Breakfast Club-

Our priority is keeping pupils safe and minimising the contact that your child has with other class bubbles.

We will therefore continue to run a very limited breakfast club.

Breakfast club will start during the week beginning the 11th of January and will be offered to the children of Key workers and pupils who receive free school meals. Places must be pre-booked. Please request a place using the booking form below (if your child has already been allocated a place, you need not reapply)

Booking form-

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5kz1kdVTFiEVPob3NUqE8qBVUQVJTN0hYMUFRU1JNWU9ITE01OFU1N1BHOC4u



Free School Meal Vouchers

Cardiff Council is in the process of issuing vouchers to families in receipt of free school meals.

If you are experiencing difficulties in accessing these vouchers, please email

allensbanki5@hwbcymru.net and we will try to support you.

On-line Learning

All parents will be emailed information regarding home learning. Teachers will be planning work on-line every day and it is an expectation that children will complete this work at home.

Help with Home Learning

Home Learning Login details have been sent to parents. If you need these login details to be resent, please contact your child's class teacher using Class dojo.

Please visit our Whole School information Padlet for further help when logging into Google Classrooms or Class Dojo.

<https://padlet.com/allensbank/ai9tadz6lxvdm2aw>

This information can also be found on our school website

<http://www.allensbankprm.cardiff.sch.uk>



Thank You for your ongoing support in keeping our school community safe.

It is really important that you let us know if your child tests positive up to and including the 25/12/2020.

Outside of school hours please email allensbanki5@hwbcymru.net

We will try to respond as quickly as possible over the Christmas period.

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Dyddiad/Date: December 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we approach the end of term and the end of 2020, we would like to thank you in what has been an extremely difficult and challenging year. It has not been easy for you, as parent and carers, given the changes schools have had to make as a result of the Covid-19 virus over the last nine months.

The Minister for Education issued a statement yesterday on the return of schools after Christmas. With transmission levels continuing to increase across Wales, and uncertainty over what impact that might have on school staffing levels over the Christmas break, the Minister has agreed to flexibility being built in at the beginning of term. Further to this statement the arrangements for start of the Spring Term for schools in Cardiff is as follows:

First Week of Term (4th January - 8th January)

From Monday, 4th January all schools (Nursery, Primary, Secondary and Special Schools) will provide distance learning for pupils for the whole week.

From Wednesday 6th January, there will be provision for vulnerable learners and children of critical workers in all schools. Learners attending school on these days will be provided with the same learning offer that is being provided through distance learning, to those pupils at home.

All pupils eligible For FSM will receive an additional supermarket voucher for this week so if they do attend school please provide them with a packed lunch.

Second Week of Term (11th January – 15th January)

On Monday 11th January the expectation is that all pupils will return to face-to-face learning in all schools unless there are exceptional circumstances such as insufficient staffing levels to operate the school. Should there be any changes to this week, your school will communicate them directly to you, following agreement with the local authority.

The return to school in January needs to be as safe as possible for all our learners and our staff. The adoption of a distance learning approach in the first week of term will allow schools to carry out the appropriate planning and preparation needed to ensure they can welcome all learners back safely on Monday 11th January.

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GWEITHIO DROS GAERDYDD, GWEITHIO DROSODI CHI
Mae'r Cngor yn awmaw gobeuseth yn Gyrrang, Sersang neu' s ddeyretthag.
Byddan yn cyfathrebu i chi yn ll eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un
sydd well gorch. Ni fydd gobeu yn Gyrrang yn awmaw at eich.

WORKING FOR CARDIFF, WORKING FOR YOU

The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh, English or bialoguilly. We will ensure that we communicate with you in the language of your choice, as long as you let us know which you prefer. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to delay.



If you have any further questions or require more information about issues relating to schools due to COVID-19, please read our series of regularly updated questions and answers for parents and pupils which are available here: [Covid-19 FAQs for parents and pupils \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/covid-19-faqs-for-parents-and-pupils)

We would also like to remind parents and carers of when children should be kept at home from school, please visit our quick reference guide here: [Guidance for sending your child to school \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/guidance-for-sending-your-child-to-school)

Wales will be entering into a level four lockdown, the highest possible, from the 28th December. These restrictions are designed to make the country safer so we are urging every family to follow the latest Coronavirus rules so that our schools can welcome back all learners into the schools safely from Monday 11th January.

Over the holiday period to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading, there are things that everyone in your family can do to help. These include:

Please be alert for symptoms of COVID-19, which are:

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

If anyone in your family develops any of these symptoms, even if they are mild please book an appointment, either by calling 119 or visiting www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.

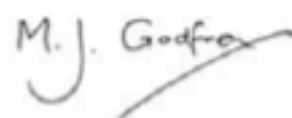
Further information on symptoms and self-isolation can be found here <https://gov.wales/symptoms-and-self-isolation-contact-tracing>

For general information on COVID-19 <https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus>

The COVID-19 online symptom checker can tell you if you need medical help and advise you what to do <https://gov.wales/check-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help>

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing our children and young people back in schools and early year settings in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. J. Godfrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Melanie Godfrey
Director of Education and Lifelong Learning/