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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank you for your continued support during this very difficult term. It has been extremely challenging, and we appreciate the continued impact that this situation is having on all of our lives. Unfortunately, as we start to make arrangements for the Christmas break, the situation is rapidly changing. As you will have seen in the news, a national statement has been made regarding the beginning of the new term.

In consideration of the rapidly changing picture, Local Authorities have been advised by the Welsh Government that a flexible approach at the beginning of the term will be necessary, particularly as it is anticipated that numbers may rise following the Christmas break. As a result, we have considered the best and safest way to put in place arrangements for the new term. This has been done with the Local Authority and the Governing Body.

As you are already aware, we have CPD training days at the start of the term. The new term will begin on 6th January 2021 and education provision will be through distance learning for the first week of term. This decision has been taken on the basis of the local context and concerns regarding the potential position after the Christmas break. Face-to-face provision will be available for children of critical workers and children who are considered to be vulnerable on the third day of opening (Friday 8th January 2021). However, it is understood that provision may be required for some children of frontline critical workers on the first two of the online learning days. If you require provision and are unable to make alternative arrangements, please email us using vle@clywedog.org on Monday 4th January so that we can plan for the required arrangements.

Whilst it is intended for all students to be in school for face-to-face learning by Monday, 11th January, 2021, if it is safe to do so, we will contact you early during the week ending 8th to share arrangements for the following week.

We appreciate that this is a very stressful and anxious time for you and would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding. I hope you have a safe and restful Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matt Vickery
Headteacher