



16/12/2021

## IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

We have received communication this morning around the safe return to school in January 2022. I am sure that everyone is aware that the latest variant of COVID is causing many concerns around public health, safety for the public and the pressures on the NHS. The Education Minister – Welsh Government has put in place these new safety precautions.

- All schools will return to the 'very high risk' on the Local COVID-19 infection control decision framework for schools.
- Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> will become planning days for staff to prepare for changes to how pupils will be educated. This *may mean* that *some* groups of children may return to remote learning. These groups have not yet been confirmed and it will become clearer over the next few weeks if any pupils will need to return to remote learning. **At this point in time**, our current plan is to return all pupils to school on January 6<sup>th</sup>. HOWEVER, all parents should plan for a potential change, and that this change could come at short notice.

### School will be closed to all pupils on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of January.

(On January 5<sup>th</sup> if you do require urgent emergency childcare for your child, and that you are a **critical** key worker, please contact the school to inform us by Friday 17/12/2021 2.00pm. This will only be offered if you have NO other options available to you.)

- Depending on the number of covid cases in the community it may mean that the school will need to work on a reduced capacity and therefore breakfast club and afterschool club *may* need to close. Due to the volatility of the situation and that decisions are based on a School Risk Assessment, as a school we have decided to go for the safer option of closing both clubs for the first 2 weeks of term and if the situation allows, our plan will be to resume both breakfast club and afterschool club on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of January.
- Planned PE lessons outside of school – As we await data around the spread of covid we will delay starting PE lessons (such as swimming) to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.
- Welsh government and Public Health Wales would like to ask all parents and members of the school community to make decisions that will help support the plan to control the spread of Covid 19 by following all the
- When collecting your child and on the school site, please ensure that you wear a mask unless you are

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exempt.

I can understand that the lack of clarity will cause difficulties and frustration for you as parents/carers in the same way that it does for school staff. However, I can reassure you that as soon as any further information is shared with us, it will be shared with you, post haste!

Please read the letter from the Director of Education for Swansea, Helen Morgan Rees.

Thank you all for your continued support during another difficult end to the term.

Yours Sincerely

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