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Dear Parents/Carers

Update – Changes to the arrangements for the start of the January term

Following extensive discussions, between the Welsh Government and local authorities, a common approach for the return to school in January has been agreed. With transmission levels continuing to increase across Wales, it has been decided that there will be some flexibility built in at the beginning of term.

The school will remain closed to pupils during the first week and will continue to provide distance learning from Monday 4 January. From Wednesday 6 January, the school will provide a provision for vulnerable learners and critical worker childcare, where we have the capacity to do so.

In light of the increasing transmission, critical worker childcare will be prioritised to frontline blue light services, NHS, school workers and social care as part of the critical workforce, only where all other childcare options have been exhausted. If you would like to be considered for key worker childcare, please complete this survey by 3pm on Monday 4 January 2021:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k92JwS06zOVGIJ_zMMiAcvhUOEM0R09KRzhMUKNJOTNTSFNWVTg2VjhJSS4u

From Monday 11 January, the expectation is that all pupils will return to school for face-to-face learning. However, this may need to be reviewed depending on community transmission rates between now and the start of term. If there are any changes to these arrangements, I will notify you via the school website and social media as soon as possible.

For more information about issues relating to schools due to COVID-19, a series of regularly updated questions and answers for parents and pupils 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 the council's 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)

Finally, for more information on distance learning, please access the school's website: <https://www.cantonian.org/2020/12/supporting-your-childs-learning-at-home/>

Best wishes and stay safe

Yours sincerely

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