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IMPORTANT ARRANGMENTS FOR CLOSING THE SCHOOL SITE AND MOVING TO ONLINE/HOME LEARNING 15-18/12/20

Dear parent / Guardian,

Once again I would like to thank you for your support during this critical period in a public health crises. Infection rates are at record levels within the County and we all need to play our part to bring this situation under control. If infection rates continue to rise at the current rate it is inevitable there is an increased possibility that pupils and staff within our school will need to isolate over the festive period.

At a Head Teachers meeting yesterday evening, the Director of Education, as the result of the Chief Medical Officer in Wales' advice, has given Primary schools the option to close from Tuesday December 15th 2020. Upon consultation with the Chair of Governors, I have taken the decision to close the School from Tuesday December 15th (last day Monday 14.12.20) and move to online learning. I will share with you a timetable for our online/home learning provision together with information and how to guides on Monday. KS2 (Yrs 3-6) will undertake their home learning via Google Classrooms. The Foundation Phase (nursery – Yr2) will undertake their home learning via HWB. It is expected that the children engage with the home learning. Pupils will return to school on Tuesday January 5th 2020.

Welsh Government have confirmed that payments are to be made to pupils in receipt of Free School Meals during this time. In terms of the processing of payments, they are being processed in batches to comply with audit requirements and this sometimes leads to families receiving payments at different times and delays in their receipt. We respectfully ask you to be patient and assure you that the local Authority are working as quickly as possible to complete all payments due.

Childcare Hubs will only be made available to children who's **both** parents are front-line NHS staff or Care-home Carers and there are no other childcare options in terms of extended bubbles. This criteria has been set by the local authority and the school will require proof of shift patterns, and employment. I politely ask that you exhaust all possible childcare opportunities for these 4 days of closure. If you fall into the above criteria and have no other childcare option, please send an email to myself craig.davies@parcytywyn.ysgolccc.cymru to apply for childcare provision by Monday 14.12.20 - 9:30am. The childcare provision will be between 9-3 Tuesday to Friday. Please state the days and times required.

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times.

Yours Sincerely,

C Davies

Headteacher

