



LEARN TOGETHER

'Let's learn to enjoy, achieve, respect and nurture together'

18th December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Please see information below which has been taken from Local Authority communications:

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 Chair of Governors.

As you are already aware, we have INSET at the start of the term. The new term will begin on Tuesday 5th January and education provision will be made through online 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 (7th January).

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 who genuinely may not be able to make any alternative provision.

If you require provision and are unable to make alternative arrangements, I will be in touch later today with more information about this,

Whilst it is intended for all pupils to be in school for face to face learning by Monday 11th January, 2021, if it is safe to do so, we will contact early during the week ending 8th to inform of 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 will be in touch later this afternoon with some further information about how this relates to Barker's Lane but did not want to delay getting this message out to you.

Kind regards
Chris Edwards