



Christchurch Primary School (Church in Wales Voluntary Aided)



Headteacher: Mrs Helen-Marie Davies, B.Ed., M.Ed.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that in consultation with Governors, Local Authority and the Diocese, we have made the decision to move to remote learning for pupils, from Monday 14th December 2020.

We believe this to be a necessary precaution to ensure the safety of all staff and pupils, alongside educational benefits for pupils.

Remote learning from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th December will-

- Enable teachers to provide quality educational activities without the reliance on other staff to ensure safe supervision.
- Reduce the risk of any more staff/pupils catching Covid before Christmas.
- Protect the well-being of all staff.
- Reduce the risk of any staff/pupil being identified as a contact and needing to isolate for the whole of their Christmas holiday.
- Provide an opportunity for pupils/staff to isolate before Christmas, allowing them to spend time with family safely.

This means that the last day for pupils will be Friday 11th December. The past week has been incredibly difficult with an increase in confirmed cases of Covid. 50% of pupils have needed to isolate and 10 members of staff are off with Covid, waiting for test results or isolating as a result of being identified as a contact. This was not an easy decision to make, but it is a decision that I believe is in the best interests and well-being of the school.

Emergency childcare will be arranged for key worker parents if necessary and where there is no alternate option. A packed lunch for pupils eligible for free school meals will be available for collection from Monday 14th - Thursday 17th, if requested. Please give me a ring to request emergency childcare or a daily packed lunch.

If we can do our best to minimise the risk for staff and pupils, I believe we will be in a strong position going forward in the New Year to continue as a strong team, providing an excellent education for our pupils.

December 11th - Christmas fun day for all pupils. Pupils can wear a Christmas jumper or party clothes. Staff will be organising fun and games for their bubble and we will have our Christmas party at lunchtime. This year the children are having a Christmas party bag instead of a Christmas dinner. If you would like your child to join in with the Christmas party bag, please ensure there is £2.40 on your child's Squid account (unless your child is entitled to free school meals where there is no charge. Any problems, please let us know). The children will select the 'Christmas Party Bag' option for lunch, in class on the day. Alternatively, you can provide a packed lunch for your child.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs Davies
Headteacher



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