



Dear Parents / Carers

Your child's year group has now come to the end of their isolation period. Any isolation period is a difficult time for all and we thank the staff, pupils and yourselves as parents and carers for all the support, commitment and understanding during this period.

Staff and pupils may now return to school, but we recognise that many of you are anxious and worried about returning to school. We understand your concerns and we will support any parental decision regarding attendance during this time before Christmas.

As a school we fully appreciate your support and therefore we are taking into consideration your personal choices as parents and carers. The local authority guidance is that schools do not have to provide work or activities for pupils who are at home due to parental choice if the school is open. However, if any parent or carer of YG Bro Ogwr decide to keep their child(ren) home during this period we will support their decision in the following way:

- Activities will be available on Hwb for pupils to access – age appropriate and may be in the form of specific activities, playlists, an activity menu or reference to games and activities readily available on Hwb
- Packs / activities provided sent home or available for collection
- Tasks are voluntary and if submitted will receive positive recognition but no formal feedback as staff are back in the classroom

As per guidance, staff returning to school will be unable to provide online catch-up live sessions and provide feedback to both class attendees and pupils who are at home. Our Blended Learning guidelines state that the school would

“extend its provision in case of another lockdown or in the event of year groups having to isolate due to a positive test recorded within the contact group. The extended provision will include an offer of a regular live-stream to check in and set the scene / introduce the work for the day ahead”

Therefore, the live check-in sessions will resume on the 17th and 18th of December, as part of the Bridgend end of term arrangements.

If you have not already done so, please email us to confirm you are keeping your child(ren) home to isolate as this will then be recorded as an authorised absence - isolating due to parental choice. All other absences will be followed up with a phone call to clarify reason.

As always, if you require any assistance please contact the school on admin.broogwr@bridgend.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher

