

Parentmail Update: 16.12.21

Dear Parent/Carer

Welsh Government announcement 16/12/21

Earlier today we received updated information from Welsh Government regarding arrangements for the new term in January 2022 after the Christmas holidays. The letter from the Welsh Minister for Education is attached for your information.

As a result of this information the following arrangements will apply:

1. Schools have been provided with 2 planning days at the start of the new term. This means that unless you are informed otherwise, all pupils will return to school for face to face teaching on **Thursday 6 January 2022**. As the 2 days concerned will be for school planning purposes, it will not be possible to provide additional online work for pupils.
2. The requirement for pupils to wear a face covering when in school buildings will be maintained in January 2022. Therefore the School's current procedures relating to the wearing of face coverings will continue into the new year.
3. Welsh Government advises that all pupils should test 3 times a week using lateral flow testing kits (LFDs) in the week before returning to school. They should then continue testing regularly 3 times a week after the start of term in January. Testing kits will continue to be made available for pupils to take home from school in the new year.

Community Support Services

For your information please see the links below which signpost the various support services available to families and individuals over the Christmas holidays.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/> Protection advice if worried about online abuse or want to report.

[ChatHealth](#) 07520 615718 Text service to the School Nurse Service

[Childline | Childline](#) - Information and advice to guide and support you about anything that is on your mind.

[Home | Police.uk/ 999/ 101](#) - Use to report an emergency or to seek advice/services for those affected by crime.

[NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#) - Supports and protects children and helps prevent any type of abuse.

[Samaritans](#) Call 116123 for free or email jo@samaritans.org Support for whatever you are going through.

[Young Minds](#) Text YM to 85258 or visit youngminds.org.uk Free 24/7 text support for young people experiencing mental health/wellbeing issues

Thank you once again for your support and patience during this term.

We wish all families a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing all our pupils again in January.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School Senior Leadership team.

Attachments

[School operations January 2022 Letter to schools English.pdf](#)