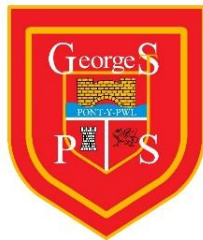


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## YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Friday 18 December 2020

Dear parent/carers

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL IN JANUARY

I am writing to advise you about plans for the return of pupils to George Street after the Christmas break.

Following discussions between the Welsh Government (WG) and the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), the local authority has taken the decision that the new school term will start on 4<sup>th</sup> January for supported home learning in all Torfaen schools for the first week.

As previously notified, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day in George Street. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January will be for home learning for all pupils. Teachers will use the Seesaw app to provide work for all classes.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January, school will be open for face-to-face learning for identified vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers. All other pupils will continue with home learning, via Seesaw, for the remainder of the first week.

All pupils will then return to school when full face-to-face learning resumes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. These arrangements are summarised in a table below.

	IN SCHOOL (face-to-face learning)	HOME LEARNING (Seesaw)
MONDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING	
TUESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JAN		ALL PUPILS
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>TH</sup> JAN		ALL PUPILS
THURSDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	KEYWOKER/VULNERABLE PUPILS	ALL OTHER PUPILS
FRIDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	KEYWORKER/VULNERABLE PUPILS	ALL OTHER PUPILS
MONDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	ALL PUPILS	

This phased start to term will provide a slight buffer to ensure that school is able to prepare fully for the return of all learners safely on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

I am confirming these arrangements now to enable you to plan accordingly.

Information about the attendance of children of keyworkers and vulnerable pupils is given below:

## ATTENDANCE OF KEYWORKER / VULNERABLE PUPILS

The WG has produced a list of eligible keyworkers which you can check on the school's website at: <https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/media/3738/guidance-published-by-the-welsh-ministers-on-identifying-children-of-critical-workers.pdf>

Any parents/carers meeting the criteria on this list who wish for their child(ren) to attend school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and/or Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January **must notify the school office by phone or email between school hours on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. This is to ensure that we are able to plan effectively.

Please note the following:

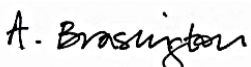
1. Pupils will not be able to attend on the 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> January without prior agreement and confirmation from school (see *deadline above*).
2. Pupils attending on the 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> January may form part of one mixed-age bubble.
3. Pupils are unlikely to be taught / supervised by their usual members of staff or in their usual classroom.
4. Provision for pupils will run between 9.00 and 3.10.
5. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch as no catering will be available on site.

*Please note that parents/carers of vulnerable pupils will be contacted by the school directly.*

Any parents/carers needing to speak with school staff at the start of term should contact the school office using the phone number or email at the top of this letter and we will assist with any queries you may have.

In the meantime, can I thank you again for your continuing support this year. Best wishes to all of our children and families for a safe and Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school in January.

Kind regards,



Mr A Brasington