



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Information about the January Return to Ysgol Rhiwabon, 2021

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 number of cases may rise following the Christmas break. As a result, we have worked collectively with the Local Authority, schools across Wrexham and our cluster to consider the best and safest way to put in place arrangements for the new term. The decisions have been taken on the basis of the local context and concerns regarding the potential position after the Christmas holiday.

As you are already aware, the Ruabon Cluster has two INSET days at the start of the term.

- The new term will begin on Wednesday January 6th
- Education provision will be made through online learning for the first week of term, starting on the 6th January
- 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, Friday 8th January
- It is understood that provision may be required for some children of frontline critical workers on the first two online learning days, 6th and 7th January
- If you require provision and are unable to make alternative arrangements please contact us on Monday 4th January, via the School Mailbox, so that we can discuss the required support
- Year 11 students and families will be briefed fully on the new plans for assessments, released this week, at the start of term

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 you during the week ending 8th January to inform you of arrangements for the following week. During the holiday if you need to report a positive COVID case in your family please refer to the information on our website uploaded on December 17th.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding 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.

With warmest wishes from all the staff in Ysgol Rhiwabon for a peaceful, happy, family Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Ferron-Evans
Headteacher