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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a safe and restful Christmas break, and would like to extend my best wishes for a peaceful and healthy new year ahead.

Further to my letter sent on 18<sup>th</sup> December, I wish to remind you that due to the Welsh Government announcement at the end of term, the Local Authority and Diocese made the decision that all schools **will remain closed to most learners next week.**

As you are already aware, we have an INSET day (staff training day) on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. **The new school term therefore begins on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and education provision will be made through on-line learning for the first week of term.** On-line learning will be provided by all teachers via Seesaw. Information, guidance and expectations will be shared with all families by the end of the day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

As previously advised, **where parents are unable** to make alternative childcare arrangements, some '**Frontline Critical Workers' children**' may be entitled to access childcare provision in school from **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. In order to qualify for this provision, parents will be required to provide a **letter from their employer as proof that they are a frontline critical worker**, in addition to providing their work rota outlining provision required.

**Please note:- WG define 'Frontline critical workers' as Education & Childcare workers, Public Safety (Emergency Workers) and National Security Workers and Health and Social Care workers.**

In addition, **where parents are unable** to make alternative childcare arrangements other '**Critical Workers' children**' may also be entitled to access childcare provision in school from **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. In order to qualify for this provision, parents will be required to provide a **letter from their employer as proof that they are a critical worker**, in addition to providing their work rota outlining provision required.

Based on the information provided above, if you require childcare because you are either a **Frontline Critical worker/ Critical worker**, please email school **on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** making sure that you attach the **required evidence from your employer.** [mailbox@stmarys-wxm-pri.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@stmarys-wxm-pri.wrexham.sch.uk)



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**Please note:- Face to face childcare provision in school for Frontline/ critical workers' children is ONLY to be accessed as a last resort.**

Cool Kids' Club have confirmed that they will be open to provide childcare from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact Mary Anna O'Connell (Cool Kids' Club Coordinator) on 07985900661 if you wish to make a booking.

Whilst it is intended for all pupils to be in school for face-to-face learning by Monday, 11th January if it is safe to do so, I will be in contact early next week to confirm arrangements based on WG, LA and Diocesan direction.

I appreciate that this is a very anxious time for us all and would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R F Acton'.

Mrs R F Acton  
Headteacher