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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and to update you on the end of term arrangements. These continue to be extremely difficult times for all members of our community in Wrexham, and we know that Covid-19 has had an ongoing impact on many aspects of our lives.

Despite the fact that we returned to face-to-face learning at the beginning of September, throughout the term many pupils across schools in Wrexham have continued to experience disruption to their education as we managed the impact of Covid 19 in different ways.

Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of positive cases of Covid 19 amongst children and adults in Wrexham County Borough. As a result, many children and young people have been required to self-isolate and present themselves for PCR tests. Unfortunately, as we approach the Christmas break cases are continuing to rise. We are also acutely aware that any positive cases that may be identified next week would result in individuals having to isolate over the Christmas period, including Christmas Day. This would have a huge impact on our community.

All members of the education community are concerned about the rise in cases and the impact this is having on children and families. It has therefore been agreed with the Local Authority that face-to-face learning will cease for pupils at the end of Friday 17th December; and remote learning will be provided for all pupils on the **20th, and 21st December via Seesaw (more information to follow.)**

Please note: No on-line learning will be provided on 22nd December as it is a staff training day.

All schools will make provision available for vulnerable learners and the children of critical workers, where this is required. We would request that



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parents who wish to make use of such provision, book sessions with us by Wednesday 15th December 3:15pm at the latest. **No bookings will be accepted after this time**. Please email mailbox@stmarys-wxm-pri.wrexham.sch.uk with your request for a place and attach proof of critical worker status.

Please be aware that we will need to create new mixed year class/ group critical worker 'bubbles.' The list of critical workers can be found in the following guidance:- Identifying children of critical workers: guidance | GOV.WALES

We would request that you only request this provision if no other alternative childcare arrangements can be made.

Should you require childcare on Monday or Tuesday and you are not eligible for critical worker provision, please contact the Cool Kids Club on 07985900661.

The local authority and our school community are committed to offering the best provision under increasingly difficult circumstances and we recognise how worrying this situation must be for you.

I am sure that you will join me in extending thanks to all of our school staff who have worked very hard to implement rigorous and robust safety measures and to do as much as they can to provide quality learning experiences. Your continued support and understanding in this situation is greatly appreciated.

I sincerely hope that you will enjoy a safe, family Christmas and that we can all look forward together to an improving situation in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mrs R F Acton
Headteacher