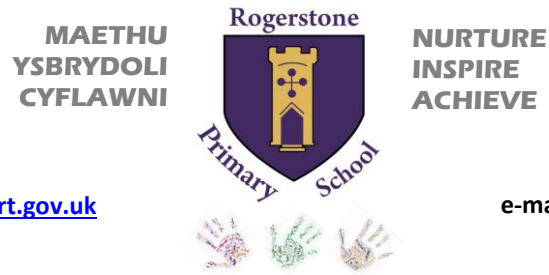


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Headteacher/Pennaeth: **Mr. S Rayer**

December 17th 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

January 2021

I have been notified this afternoon that in agreement with Welsh Government, the Local Authority has asked schools to move to blended learning the first week of the new school term. There is a recognition that levels of COVID transmission are increasing within communities, and that this may impact on the capacity to provide face to face learning for all pupils in the return to school.

Newport Primary and Secondary schools will operate blended learning during the first week of term (Jan 4th – 8th) with the intent of face to face teaching resuming on Monday January 11th. Our home learning will be provided in the usual way from 4th January.

On Monday 4th and 5th January, schools will assess staffing levels and review risk assessments. School will be closed to pupils on these days. Childcare for critical workers will be available from Wednesday January 6th. This childcare is very much for families who have no other option.

If you have no alternative and require childcare as you are a critical worker, please can you notify distantlearning@rogerstoneprimary.com by **10.00am Monday 4th January**. Those individuals who have been notified to self-isolate will not be eligible for this provision.

It is possible that schools will have limited staffing capacity on the return to school. I understand that the local and national picture could change over the next 2 weeks, so I will not be making the arrangements for the childcare until Monday the 4th, in case your circumstances at home changes too.

Please be aware that all FSM learners will receive an additional supermarket voucher.

I will send an update before the new term begins.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind regards,

Steve Rayer
Headteacher

