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Dear SRG families

Due to the increased risk presented by the Covid-19 omicron variant, a decision has been made to move to online learning for the last two days of term. Please see the attached statement from Flintshire County Council informing families that on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st December all learning will take place online and students will be required to remain at home. We will revert to an online method of teaching and learning as we have done previously.

I am sorry for the extremely short notice of these decisions. Indeed, I share your frustrations. However, I sincerely believe that this is the right decision for learners and that we will now be able to provide a calm, controlled and safe end to the school term.

How will my child access their lessons?

All children are enrolled into a blended learning class on Google classrooms and Hwb. Each day, there will be links to lessons in their Google classroom. If students have technical difficulties, they should email their class teacher using the Google classroom. Please do not expect to see a lesson that is being taught in the classroom and being broadcast live. This may happen, but lessons will also involve a range of live teaching strategies and consolidation work.

My child is vulnerable. Can they continue to attend school?

Please contact the school if you feel that it is necessary for your child to attend. There will be limited provision for vulnerable children to work on site.

I am a key worker and my child is unable to work at home.

There will be provision for children of keyworkers to work in school. Please request a place by following the link and completing the google form https://forms.gle/LEWnYDy3xEniJrCd8

My child does not have access to suitable technology.

This should not be the case for most students as they have been provided with chrome books and dongles. If your child has any issues with access to a computer or the internet, please contact school and we will provide them with access.

What about the New Year?

January 6th and 7th are both INSET days and students return to school on **Monday**, 10th January 2022.

Notwithstanding the difficulties posed by the COVID crisis, Christmas can bring its own challenges. If you are worried and need to talk – or if you require material support or food – please contact us at school on srgadmin@strichardgwyn.flintshire.sch.uk you can also call us during normal working hours. If you have any other concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please keep us in your prayers, as you remain in ours. Many thanks for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Best wishes,

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