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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a difficult year, I know many of you will be keen to know what arrangements Bridgend schools will be putting in place for January 2021. I trust this letter will provide helpful information in respect of start-of-term arrangements in your child's school.

All Bridgend schools will be using Monday 4 January and Tuesday 5 January to assess levels of available staff, review risk assessments and ensure the school is a safe environment for learners. This means that, on these two days, no learners will be in school. It also means that direct online learning opportunities will not be provided by individual schools for their pupils on 4 and 5 January.

On 6, 7 and 8 January, all Bridgend **infant, junior, primary and special** schools, with **primary school age** children, will be providing on-site support for the **children of critical workers only**.

In Bridgend, a critical worker is defined as someone who works for one of the following organisations:

- Health
- Social care
- Fire and rescue service
- Police
- Ambulance service
- Education

Much in the same way as we have done this week (ie using the same eligibility criteria), critical workers are advised that, if your child is of a primary school age, on Monday 4 January, your child's school will ask you to let them know if your child will be attending school on 6, 7 and 8 January.

This is necessary to allow the local authority to plan appropriate school meal and learner transport provision.

There is no on-site/in-school provision for the children of critical workers in any Bridgend secondary school on 6, 7 or 8 January.

Pupils who will be learning from home on 6, 7 and 8 January will receive online learning activities from their schools. Bridgend schools will not be providing 'live' lessons during this period.

From Monday 11 January, learners will start to return to school. Your child's school will let you know how this will happen in January. It is my expectation that as many learners as possible are educated on-site, as quickly and as safely as possible during this week.

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing support and patience.

Take care – and have a safe Christmas

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Iorwerth Harvey'.

Lindsay Iorwerth Harvey (Mr)

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