

Lloyds/ Chapel Lane,
Chirk,
Wrexham.
LL14 5NH
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Ysgol Y Waun,

Dear Parents,

Welsh Government have taken the decision to revise isolation periods down to 10 days (previously 14), with effect from today.

This decision coincides with a letter from the Head of Education & Effectiveness for Wrexham which states that schools can move to a distanced learning approach (pupils working at home) for the last 2 days of term (17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December). The letter also states that schools that are **currently experiencing difficulties on a local level** may decide to extend this period of distanced learning.

Coronavirus Infections are increasing rapidly in Chirk with more positive cases being reported daily.

It is not our intention to bring children back into school next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Teaching staff will continue to set work for pupils between now and Friday 18th December.

Our staffing levels are severely compromised and would only just be back to full capacity, assuming everyone is well enough to return as recovery rates vary.

If we did open for one day (Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December) we would risk further cases of COVID-19 which could result in further isolation periods running into the Christmas Holiday period.

Our priority has always been, and will continue to be, to keep everybody safe within our school community.

Mr Hemmings and I would like to thank you all for your support for the school as we try and navigate a constantly changing situation. The term has gone reasonably well with a majority of pupils attending school and learning for a majority of the time!

We hope you are able to spend some quality time with your families over the Christmas and New Year Period.

Sincerely,

- J. Roberts 9. Roberts Head Teacher
- F. Hemmings 7. Hemmings Chair of Governors