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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to update you on a rapidly changing situation as regards to schools. As you will be aware, information about the new variant of Coronavirus has now been released, and the rapid spread of the virus due to the new variant. As a result of receiving further medical information, the Welsh Government has announced that Primary and Secondary schools will be closed for face to face teaching until **at least 18th January, 2021**. This decision will be kept under constant review by the Welsh Government, and we will inform you of any changes to that possible re-opening date.

Primary and Secondary schools will provide distance learning for your child from Wednesday, 6th January, 2021 and until schools are re-opened for face-to-face learning. Your school will contact you directly to explain those arrangements.

The advice is very clear; the Coronavirus variant is spreading rapidly and everyone needs to stay at home if possible and limit their number of contacts to the very minimum.

Schools will provide care for vulnerable pupils and children of critical frontline workers if there are no other childcare options available for families. You will need to apply online for emergency childcare provision, and you will be provided with a link on Wednesday, 6th January, 2021 in order for you to apply for the week beginning Monday, 11th January, 2021. From that date onwards, we will define children of critical workers as children where one parent/carer works in frontline services in health, care, the police or the emergency services only. Parents/carers should have considered all possible options before making an application for this provision. The provision will be for primary aged children and children in years 7 and 8 in the secondary sector. Pupils attending this provision will need to bring a packed lunch.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals then the payment/voucher will continue during this period.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg. Cewch ateb Cymraeg i bob gohebiaeth Gymraeg ac ateb Saesneg i bob gohebiaeth Saesneg. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English. Correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and correspondence in English will be answered in English. Corresponding in Welsh will not involve any delay.

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Thank you for your continued co-operation. It is essential that we work together as residents of the Ceredigion area in order to minimise the adverse impact of Coronavirus on our Health Service, our communities and our families.

Yours sincerely,

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