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Dear parents and \carers,

As you will be aware, numbers of coronavirus cases are increasing rapidly across Wales, including Pembrokeshire.

Primary schools are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain staffing levels as more staff and their families are identified as contacts or experience symptoms and must organise tests. We are concerned that the situation will worsen in the coming weeks.

The Local Authority have taken the decision that primary schools should move to distance learning from Tuesday 15th December. This means that the last day on school sites for primary learners will be Monday 14th December.

Schools will be able to offer childcare to the children of critical workers until Wednesday 16th December, and for those in the very greatest need up to Friday 18th December. Households are now able to extend to one other household, which makes grandparents and other family members an option to be explored to the full.

I cannot thank those families enough for finding alternative childcare arrangements next week. By doing so they have provided staff with a significant reduction in exposure to COVID and therefore, they are able to plan a worry-free Christmas – a truly wonderful gift during this challenging time. On behalf of all staff, thank you to all families for their approach and attitude to the final week of the Autumn Term 2020.

From Tuesday, Saundersfoot school will move to remote learning. The Foundation Phase will return to the paper packs, this will be handed out on Monday and will be complemented by some video content/introductions. Key Stage 2 will return to the remote learning through pupils Hwb accounts and One Drive/google classroom, again this will be complemented by some teacher videos/content.

This has been an extremely challenging year and term for all involved in education, (I include parents in this!), all staff are absolutely committed to ensuring our pupils progress does not regress and so we ask that pupils engage with these daily tasks next week. Key Stage 2 pupils are expected to engage with activities from 9am and will be asked to complete a daily register and feedback. The aim of this is to help ensure our pupils continue to make progress, we have already lost several weeks and even months to COVID we are absolutely determined the impact on your child's learning will be minimal. Your commitment to this will be vital if this is to be successful.

This is not the end of term newsletter I had in mind on Monday, however, we must adapt and overcome. The school had a few Christmas treats planned for the children, Christmas films and even an online panto! Oh yes, we did!! The FOSS team have lovingly prepared individual treat packs for all children, they will be sent home with the children today. We ask that families keep these treats to be enjoyed whilst watching the Panto, I will share the pantomime link via Dojo next week. It would be lovely if families could share images of the children enjoying the panto and the treats with their class teachers via Dojo.

I would dearly love for the school to come together albeit remotely for this online Pantomime.

During this term, I have witnessed the school and community come together and face this global pandemic. We have all worked as one to follow new systems and processes around education and this has been very successful – thank you for your support in this. Please support your children with the established 'hand hygiene' routines as we feel this will help keep our communities safe.

During this year, I have had to communicate information that I would have never anticipated. I am tremendously proud of the school's approach to education, this term and over the past academic year.

Coming together is a beginning,

Staying together is progress,

And working together is success.

We now begin to look towards 2021, however, education in January remains uncertain as soon as I am informed, I will write to all parents and carers.

Finally, I would like to thank all pupils, parents, governors and especially the staff for their commitment and approach this term.

I sincerely wish you all a Merry Christmas, may the spirit of Christmas bring you and your family happiness, love and hope.

The planned new term of 2021 begins for pupils on Tuesday 5th January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nadolig Llawen a blwyddyn Newydd Dda

Mr. Nick Allen and staff.

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