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Dear Parent/Carers,

There was an announcement from Welsh Government yesterday evening, confirming schools would close and support pupils through an online learning approach. *“Welsh Government has agreed that all schools, colleges and independent schools should move to online learning until January 18<sup>th</sup>.”*

Later today parents/carers will receive an email with information of how to access their child’s on-line account details and an overview of how to support them. There will also be a consent form that will require completion prior to your child participating in live online streaming lessons this week. If consent was given in the Summer Term this will suffice unless we hear otherwise.

Following guidance from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the school will be making urgent provision for **high priority critical worker families**. This is to support front line workers who are essential in the fight against Covid-19.

**The school will continue to offer support for our critical worker families (please contact the school office today, 5<sup>th</sup> January by 3pm to book a place). The critical worker groups are:**

- **Blue light workers, including NHS, Police and Fire Service staff**
- **Health and Social care staff, including care workers**
- **Front line childcare or education staff**

In order to ensure that we mitigate all risks and keep everyone safe, please do not request that your child attends school if you are not scheduled to work and have not yet exhausted all possible childcare avenues. Also, please avoid applying for this provision if you or your partner are able to work from home. Access to this provision should be seen as only as a last resort. Apologies for this information, however safety is paramount.

Please contact the school office for any further advice or information.

Kind Regards,

Mr Gilbert