



16 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: End of term/Return to School Arrangements**

Further to my letter dated 30th November I am now writing to confirm that as a school in Conwy, Ysgol Eirias will close for face to face learning on **Friday 17th December**.

This is a Conwy Council decision and is in response to the rapidly changing situation around the new variant of Coronavirus.

All lessons will revert to Microsoft Teams from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd December.

Our teaching staff will now work hard to prepare and upload material to Microsoft Teams. Staff will be available online every lesson for engagement, collaboration and live delivery and as such, pupils should follow their **normal timetable of lessons**. All work should be uploaded as directed by staff, for marking and feedback.

Learners will be expected to 'check in' with their form tutor for registration and be 'present' for all lessons. Tomorrow, we will reinforce our expectations of online learning to our learners; this being particularly important for our Year 7 and Year 8 learners who may not have engaged with online learning to this extent. Learners will also be given information about the timings of the online learning school day.

Please contact school if you have difficulties with access to technology, we will be able to help.

The school will offer a provision for key worker children during the course of these final three days. Details around this provision and how to reserve a space will be issued tomorrow. We will also be offering a small number of places by invitation.

Regarding the return to school in January, the Welsh Government has informed schools today (Thursday) that the Spring Term return to school will be delayed by two days. Schools have been designated two planning days on Thursday 6th January and Friday 7th January for the purpose of reviewing case rates in the area, assessing staff availability and in light of the new Omicron coronavirus variant, reviewing and strengthening risk assessments.

There will be no key worker child care provision or online provision on those planning days. **Learners will therefore return to school on Monday 10th January.**

Wishing you all a restful break and with thanks, as always for your support this term.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs S Sutton**

**HEADTEACHER**

