



**Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,
Dear Parents/Carers**

December 15th, 2020

As we have throughout this difficult period, Llangewydd Junior School, Bryntirion Infant School and Cefn Glas Infant School are working together to meet the needs of our school communities.

You recently received a letter from the local authority (dated December 10th) stipulating that:

‘the last day of physical attendance for all pupils at Bridgend’s infant, junior, primary and special schools (including The Bridge) will be Wednesday 16 December,’ and that ‘all pupils at Bridgend’s infant, junior, primary and special schools (including The Bridge) will receive blended learning at home on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December.’

However, on Friday afternoon (December 11th), there was a further announcement from Welsh Government directing local authorities to make urgent provision for high priority critical workers for the last week of term. This is to support front line workers who are essential in the fight against Covid-19.

For this period, in the run up the Christmas, critical workers are defined as:

- those employed in the ‘blue light’ services, this includes frontline NHS staff, Ambulance Service staff, Police, and Fire and Rescue Service;
- teachers and support staff working in schools; and
- social care workers.

If **both parents (or one in a single parent family)** are critical workers and you do not have childcare in place for your primary aged child for the last 2 days of term, can you please advise your child’s school by 3pm on Tuesday 15th December by phoning the reception at their school informing of them of your needs. Arrangements cannot be approved after this time unless there are exceptional circumstances. 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 do not apply for this provision if you or your partner are able to work from home. Access to this provision should be seen as a last resort.

Please note that your child will not necessarily be in their current bubble, that children may be grouped together (possibly in the hall) and that your child may be the only child in their bubble.

Our aim is to ensure that we enable those on the front line to continue to undertake their duties, whilst also mitigating the risks to our children and staff in school settings. Please do not send your child to school if you have already been told that your child is required to self-isolate or if any family member displays Covid symptoms or needs to self-isolate.

Thank you for your contribution to supporting our communities in the fight against Covid-19.