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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from the letter from the Director of Education for Swansea regarding the start of the spring term 2022, I would like to give you some further details about specific arrangements at Birchgrove.

As you know, Welsh Government have provided all schools with two planning days at the start of term, therefore the first day in school for our pupils will be **Thursday 6th January 2022**. All pupils will return to school on this day and will arrive/depart at their usual times and at their usual entrances.

From the start of the spring term, contact bubble groups will be reintroduced in school in line with the 'very high' risk level measures on the infection control framework. This means that six separate contact bubbles will operate in Birchgrove Primary as part of the mitigations we will be implementing to keep the school community safe. The six contact bubble groups are as follows:

- Flying Start
- Rising 3s Nursery
- Nursery (Mrs R Jones)
- Reception/Year 1
- Years 2/3
- Years 4/5/6

As mentioned in the director's letter, we will need to temporarily pause after school club and breakfast club when we return to school after the Christmas holiday. In addition, childcare on Friday afternoons should only be used in an emergency and if all other childcare options have been explored.

These decisions have not been taken lightly, and will be reviewed on a regular basis. If risk levels change and circumstances improve, we will look to reintroduce these facilities as soon as it is safe to do so.

In spite of the challenging circumstances at present due to COVID 19, we are very much looking forward to the learning experiences that we have planned with the children in the spring term.



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We place the children's learning and wellbeing at the forefront of all decision making, and hope that we are able to deliver in-person learning at school when we return in January. If this changes in light of the pandemic situation in Wales in a few weeks, we will of course provide information as soon as it is made available to us.

Finally, as the term comes to an end, I would just like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. M. O'Brien

Headteacher



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