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Urgent Update for January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

My sincere apologies for contacting you all again. I hope you are all enjoying the blended learning Christmas activities. Please contact the class teachers via Seesaw if you have any questions or queries regarding the home learning.

Please find below important correspondence from the Local Authority, received today by Newport Primary Headteachers, in regard to plans for the start of term in January:

- *In agreement with Welsh Government, local authorities can consider allowing schools to move to blended learning for a phased return from Monday 4th January;*
- *There is a recognition that levels of COVID transmission are currently increasing within communities, and that this may impact on a school's capacity to provide face to face learning for all pupils in the return to school;*
- **Newport primary and secondary schools will operate blended learning during the first week of term (Jan 4th-8th) with an intent of face to face teaching resuming on Monday January 11th;**
- *All FSM learners will receive an additional supermarket voucher.*

On Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January it is possible that schools will have limited staffing capacity on the return to school and so a review of staffing levels and risk assessments will need to be undertaken in designated 'planning and preparation days' for all schools. There will be a skeletal staff on site only.

Blended learning will be provided for all pupils from Monday 4th January to Friday, 8th January. As you can appreciate, this may have to be adapted slightly due to the possible implications of depleted staffing.

Should any key worker parent/carer require urgent assistance with childcare between **Wednesday 6th January and Friday 8th January**, please email the school by Monday 4th January at 10 am with the relevant details and a senior member of staff will contact you. **This childcare is very much for families who have no other option.**

Once again, I would like to pass on my good wishes for the Christmas period,
Kind Regards,
Mrs. L. J. Lewis