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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following a meeting with Denbighshire County Council Education this afternoon. The decision has been made to close **all** schools in Denbighshire at the end of the school day on Wednesday 16th December.

Provision, however, will be in place for key worker and looked after children on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December. These parents/carers will be contacted directly by school on Monday 14th December.

Denbighshire County Council have released the following press release:

Following discussion with all of its schools, Denbighshire County Council has taken the decision to close all of its primary schools, special schools and pupil referral units from Wednesday (December 16) for face to face learning.

This follows the Welsh Government decision to move all secondary schools and colleges in Wales to online learning from Monday (December 14).

Cllr Huw Hilditch-Roberts, the Council's Lead Member for Education, Children's Services and Public Engagement, said: "We have reluctantly taken the decision to close our primary schools for face to face learning early. Confirmed cases associated with Denbighshire schools continue to be in single figures owing to the hard work of pupils, parents and staff.

"With primary schools closing across North Wales, the Council felt it had no choice but to take the decision to provide continuity with other areas, giving parents and guardians sufficient notice to prepare and to further ensure the safety of children and staff in the run up to Christmas.

"Primary schools will remain open for vulnerable learners and the children of key workers until Friday, December 18."



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The Welsh Government announced the decision to move all secondary schools and colleges in Wales to online learning as part of a 'national effort to reduce transmission of coronavirus' following advice from Wales's Chief Medical Officer.

Cllr Huw Hilditch-Roberts added: "As we approach Christmas and the end of term I want to thank all pupils, staff and families for their support and their effort in the fight against COVID-19.

"Primary schools, special schools, pupil referral units and secondary schools in the county will be arranging remote learning for pupils until December 18 and to echo the words of the Education Minister, this period is not an early Christmas holiday.

"Christmas is a time of great excitement and joy for our students but it is also a time when the temptation to stray from the strict rules we have been asked to follow may be higher than ever. It is important for everyone who has worked tirelessly to enjoy a happy Christmas holiday that we continue to observe the rules as I know so many of you have.

"I would again like to thank pupils, parents and staff for their support during what has been a hugely challenging term for all of our schools and the communities they support and work in."

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Rhona O'Neill
Headteacher

