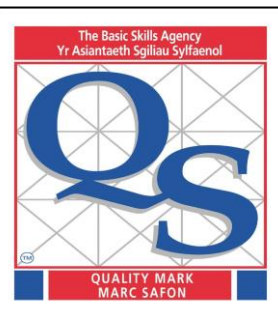


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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We have made it to the end of the most challenging term and indeed year that I can remember in education and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, encouragement and kind messages. There have been times when we have all been frustrated, especially when things have changed at such short notice. Having to make difficult phone calls to parents informing them that their child needs to self-isolate has not been easy. However, the first concern has often been for the child who has tested positive and this is testament to the caring school community we have. I really am so grateful for all of your support and kind messages; it has been a huge boost through these difficult times.

I am so proud of each and every pupil at Rhiw Syr Dafydd Primary School. They have quickly adapted to the new 'normal' in school and have taken all of the changes in their stride. The pupils have followed all of the rules associated with contact groups without any fuss. I would also like to thank all the parents and grandparents who have quickly adapted to the new regulations, wearing face masks on the playground and maintaining social distance.

We are still living in very uncertain times and nobody is sure where the pandemic will go next or indeed when the vaccine will be available. One thing I can be certain of is that Christmas this year will look different for all of us, when the love and support of our families will be more important than ever. If you know someone who is alone this Christmas please check on them to make sure they are alright – a simple phone call can make all the difference.

Whatever Christmas looks like for you this year, I wish you all a very happy, safe and relaxing Christmas with your family. I hope that 2021 will be a better year for all of us!

As I said in a previous letter, I will keep you all updated in terms of any developments from the Welsh Government in terms of arrangements for the new term. I look forward to seeing you all in January but until then please continue to take care and stay safe.

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