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COVID 19 Update 18 December 2020

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Council Services Christmas 2020 Opening Times

Due to COVID-19 restrictions County Hall, Mold and Tŷ Dewi Sant, Ewloe remain closed to the public.

Register Office, Llwynegrin Hall, Mold

The Register Office will close at 3.30pm on Thursday 24 December and a reduced level of service will operate until 9.30am on Monday 4 January 2021, opening as required for the registration of births, deaths and marriages. Appointments can be made by telephoning the Register Office on **01352 703333**.

Libraries / Leisure Centres

Check Aura Wales website for opening hours.

Flintshire Connects Centres Buckley, Mold and Connahs Quay

Will close at 4:30pm on Wednesday 23 December 2020
The centres at these locations will reopen when Welsh Government COVID-19 regulations allow.

Holywell and Flint

Closed from 4:30pm Thursday 24 December 2020 until 9am Monday 4 January 2021

Out of hours emergency contact numbers

For Council services in an emergency the out of hours contact numbers are:

Housing, Property or Streetscene services: **01344 786590**

Social Services: **0845 053 3116**

You can also use our website for information and to contact us

www.flintshire.gov.uk/ChristmasOpening2020



Click on the image to see opening times on our website

School Arrangements for January 2021

In light of the Welsh Government's announcement for new restrictions for Wales after Christmas there have also been national decisions taken about the provision of education when schools reopen in January.

Welsh Government has advised local authorities that a more flexible approach will be needed to account for possible increases in the transmission of the virus, particularly after the Christmas holidays where there will have been greater mixing between families. They have advised schools to make greater use of remote learning approaches in the first few weeks of the new year, with an expectation that all schools will be back to delivering face-to-face learning by 18 January, unless exceptional circumstances exist.

Flintshire County Council has taken the decision, in consultation with its head teachers and in line with Welsh Government advice, that Flintshire schools will not reopen for face-to-face learning for the week beginning 4 January 2021 and will provide online learning for all pupils.

Each school will be contacting parents to identify which children may need to continue to attend school during this time – for example children of critical workers.

The decision when to move schools back to face to face learning will not be made until 6 January. The Council's aim is to return to face to face learning as quickly as possible, but only when it is safe to do so.

Children entitled to Free School Meals will continue to receive direct payments for the period of remote learning. More details around catering arrangements for children who need to attend school either as a vulnerable learner or for childcare arrangements will be communicated as quickly as possible.

It is our expectation that all learners will receive the same learning offer from their school whether they are at home and engaged in remote learning or whether they need to be physically in the building.

We will continue to provide parents and carers with information via letters from schools and on our website flintshire.gov.uk.

Picking up the call to Test Trace Protect over Christmas could be the best present you ever give

The Test Trace Protect teams will continue to operate over the Christmas and New Year period. If you live in Flintshire the opening hours for the Team are given below:

Christmas Eve - 8am - 5pm

Christmas Day and Boxing Day - 10am - 3pm

Sunday 27 December - 10am - 6pm

28 December to 30 December - 8am - 8pm

New Year's Eve - 8am - 5pm

New Year's Day - 10am - 5pm

Usual operating hours - 8am to 8pm - will resume from Saturday 2 January 2021.

Although we are all hoping to have some quiet time over Christmas it is important to remember that COVID-19 is an ever-present threat.

Whilst we appreciate that receiving a call from Test Trace Protect on Christmas Day would not be your ideal Christmas gift, picking up the phone could be the best Christmas present you ever give to someone else. You could literally be saving someone's life.

Please follow the guidance provided on our website [Christmas2020](#) and stay safe this Christmas.



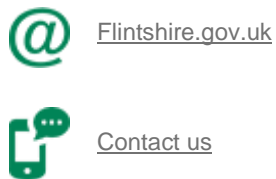
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