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Good morning,

I hope that your child has enjoyed returning to face to face teaching alongside the continuation of our online live lessons.

It has been so pleasing to see our learners return to site and gradually link back up with friends and reignite the relationships with staff that were so difficult to maintain when solely online.

We now turn our attention to the new guidance issued by Welsh government and a planned full return of our 1000 learners alongside our 150 staff which, if the spread of the virus amongst our community stays at low levels will commence directly after the Easter period.

We will still require three layer, medical grade face coverings to be worn at all times whilst on school site and unfortunately due to a full return of our school population we will not be able to have any physical distancing of learners but will be able to sustain 2 metres physical distancing of staff at all times.

Our enhanced cleaning regime will be in operation, as will our regular sanitising of hands and touch surfaces.

Please remind your child that ideally they change their masks frequently during the day and clean their hands regularly alongside the requirement to sanitise on entry and exit from classrooms and the school site as a whole.

All those learners aged 14 or over are able to be supplied with LFTs as an additional mitigating measure in our control of the spread of the virus and all procedures for the safe use of these have been shared with learners and parents and are also available on our schools website.

We understand that many learners will wish to continue using mobile devices such as laptops in lessons and are able to accommodate this via our bring your own device scheme which gives full access to our school Wi-Fi. We hope that this will further support our learners as they integrate back into full time face to face teaching.

Any devices loaned by the school whilst we were in lockdown now need to be returned to school.

As previously communicated, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Learning should there be any wellbeing issues surrounding your child so that we can swiftly put in place support from our highly skilled and experienced team.

Finally, I wish you a safe and restful Easter and look forward to us working together again after this break.

Stay safe

Yours sincerely

Mr L Jarvis
Headteacher