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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you managed to enjoy something of a festive break in the current circumstances and I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children during more hopeful times in the not too distant future. I am very excited to be starting my role as headteacher at Islwyn High but could not really imagine doing so in more unusual circumstances.

Unfortunately it is my first duty to inform you that in the light of Covid developments in recent weeks Caerphilly Council has taken the decision that all secondary schools will provide remote learning to all year groups for the remainder of this week. The situation will be updated later in the week when further information will hopefully be available from Welsh Government.

We will therefore provide remote learning from tomorrow for all year groups and open to the pupils of designated key workers and especially vulnerable pupils from Thursday morning for a normal school day. The aforementioned pupils will operate in year group bubbles and will be supervised by designated LSAs/members of the support team in accessing the work that their teachers set for them in Google Classrooms. All other pupils should continue to follow their timetables in Google Classroom.

I shall obviously update you as soon as I have any further information in terms of proposed phase reopening plans from next Monday onwards. As things currently stand schools would be asked to introduce a phased reopening schedule from the 11th January which prioritises Year 11 classes in the first instance.

Regards,

Mr. J.Hicks
Headteacher