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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. Firstly, thank you so much for all your support over these last few months and for your patience in the last few days as we have worked through the implications of the new operational guidance for schools. It has been very challenging for us all, but the support we have received from you has been overwhelming; it has been another fantastic reminder of the strength of our community.

As you will have seen recently in the media, we are really pleased to be allowed to offer a return of some format for all pupils prior to the Easter holidays. This will not be a full return for all as we have been instructed that for KS3 this will be a 'check in' session in preparation for full return after Easter. We have been directed to use this time to focus on those pupils who have the least time left with us in order to support them to gain the evidence for their grades before they leave us.

Our hope is that after the Easter holidays, all pupils will return to full time education from Monday 12th April. This is the aim and, as always, we will be dictated to by Welsh Government. Hopefully this will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

The approaches that we will take from Monday are designed to be as Covid secure as possible and they have differing implications for each year group. **Your child's progress manager will send out a detailed breakdown of the model for their year group which should allow you to plan accordingly.** If you have any questions please contact us and we will do our best to answer them.

It is probably worth me emphasising for everyone that:

- Face coverings are strongly recommended in communal areas and classrooms for all pupils.
- There will continue to be no on site provision of catering facilities.
- Transport arrangements in Caerphilly will dictate that **the school day will return to the model used in the Autumn term which began at 8.30 am and finished at 2.15 pm**
- Our remote learning offer will continue for all pupils who are designated not to be present on school site on any given day between now and Easter.
- We will remain open to the children of key workers during the phased reopening.

Thanks for all your continuing support and we look forward to welcoming your children back to school between now and Easter.

Regards,

Mr. J.N.Hicks
Headteacher