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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to start to welcome children back to school this week! Attendance has been really strong and it is a huge relief for us and the pupils to be able to work together in more typical circumstances once again. We are confident that we have as safe and secure a model as we can to see us through to Easter and another set of operational guidance which we hope will make clear the situation which we will return to after the Easter Break. Year 11 have returned to their studies with real gusto and we hope to be in touch with their parents soon with more detailed plans as to how we will be gathering assessment evidence during the first half of the summer term and once we have final details from the examination board. We are working with many partners and other schools to ensure that our process will be fair, robust and ultimately achievable for our pupils.

All staff, Year 11 and 10 learners have now been given access to lateral flow tests and these will be conducted every Sunday night/Monday morning and Wednesday night/Thursday morning; the school only needs to be informed of a positive result. I am pleased and relieved to be able to report that Year 11 pupils returned no positive flow test results yesterday morning. Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils are not included in the Welsh Government provision of lateral flow tests. The wearing of face coverings is now strongly recommended in all classrooms and internal areas and compliance in this regard has been excellent all week.

For those pupils who are not designated to be in school on any given day next week, staff are maintaining their remote provision but it is inevitable that there will be compromises in the remote learning offer as increasingly staff and children are working together on the school site. One notable change in this regard is that it will not be possible for us to maintain the live 'check in' at the start of the day for any year groups from Monday 22nd March onwards.

At this stage, Welsh Government guidance permitting, we foresee all pupils being back in school full time after Easter.

Let's hope for a Welsh Grand Slam tomorrow evening!

Regards,

Mr J N Hicks
Headteacher