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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to confirm some calendar changes and to update you on the latest Covid-19 guidance for schools.

As you will recall, the Welsh Government required that schools postpone the two planned Staff Training Days in January and instead use those for contingency planning in advance of the start of the spring term, on the understanding that the two training days must be replaced for all schools. I am now in a position to confirm those two days, at the earliest opportunity, to support your planning for the half-term break. Pupils will now finish school for the February half-term break on Thursday, 17th February and will return to school on Tuesday, 1st March. The Staff Training Days where pupils are not required to attend therefore being Friday, 18th February and Monday 28th February. I recognise this may not seem immediately convenient, but by adding the days to the planned holiday, I am hoping that many families will find this useful. This also avoids placing training days inconveniently during the immediate run up to examination time for key year groups.

For clarity the remaining term dates for this academic year are detailed below:

- Tuesday, 1 March - First day of half term for students
- Friday, 8 April - Last day of Spring term for students
- Monday, 25 April -First day of Summer term for students
- Friday, 27 May - Last day of half term for students
- Monday, 6 June - First day of half term for students
- Friday, 15 July– Last day of Summer term for students

As per the Education Minister's Press Conference on 25 January, School's continue to operate at **"very high risk" levels,** as per the school's infection control decision framework and detailed in our risk assessment.

Face-coverings: The expectations around face-coverings remains unchanged. To clarify, students and staff (excluding those with exemption) will be expected to wear face coverings inside the school buildings, where two metre distancing cannot be observed. This includes classrooms. Pupils will be expected to wear face-coverings on all school and public transport.

Changes to self-isolation requirements: The period a person will be required to self-isolate in the event of testing positive now changes from 7 to 5 days (Day 1 counts as the day after testing positive). TTP will continue to provide specific advice to confirmed cases and individuals identified as close contacts. However, unless otherwise stated, positive cases that test negative on Day 5 and 6 on an LFT may return to school on Day 6.

Asymptomatic Testing (using Lateral Flow Tests): All staff and students should continue to undertake these tests three times per week before school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (or evening before if preferred). I have been asked to remind all those undertaking tests to continue to log them on the Government Website in order that future receipt of sufficient stocks can be guaranteed.

Yours sincerely

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