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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that Welsh Government has recently confirmed the removal of some Covid-19 restrictions including the need to legally self-isolate when positive with Covid-19, although this is still recommended. As a school we request that in the event that your child tests positive for Covid-19 that they continue to self-isolate in order to protect the health and resilience of both the student and staff body. Your child may, of course, return to school as soon as they test negative and feel well enough.

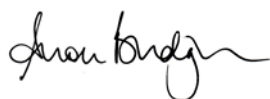
We also request that pupils continue to engage with the twice weekly testing programme using lateral flow devices so that asymptomatic cases are identified. It is also recommended that pupils wear face coverings when in communal areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Infection rates within the community have been rising again lately and this inevitably has a knock-on effect in school. In order to keep the school running smoothly, it is vital that the virus is kept at bay insofar as is possible. Your support in this regard is appreciated.

I should also advise that staffing levels in schools is very precarious with some local schools already having closed, at least in part. Whilst we have not had the need to direct home learning as yet, should staffing levels be reduced to such an extent that we cannot safely cater for all students on site, it may be necessary to instruct certain year groups to remain at home for a short period. Whilst this would certainly not be our preference, I feel it is important you are aware of these acute pressures and to advise you that I am closely monitoring the situation as we attempt to keep everyone safe and learning. I shall endeavour to give you as much notice as possible should the need to close arise.

Your continued understanding is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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