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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Happy New Year all, we hope everyone has had a safe and happy Christmas.

Unfortunately, as a result of the new COVID variant and the Delta variant, COVID has affected many parts of the local community. We are aware that many of our families and friends have been affected over Christmas and we hope that everyone is making a full recovery; we send our best wishes to you all.

Over Christmas, Welsh Government has updated the COVID rules relating to self-isolation and it is important that we share this information with you before the children return on Thursday. We hope that it is clear and we do appreciate that the constant changes are hard to keep track of. If you are unsure, please contact us and we will do our best to advise.

All pupils should stay at home if they are unwell. In addition to the 3 main symptoms of COVID- persistent cough, temperature, loss of taste & smell, there are now other symptoms to be aware of linked to Omicron, runny nose, headache, tiredness, sneezing & sore throat. If your child displays any of these symptoms, it is advised if they are 5 or over to book a PCR test. Under 5s do not require a test but should remain at home until all symptoms pass.

- To book a PCR test please phone 119 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If any pupil aged 5 to 17 is in close contact with a positive case, as identified by TTP, they should take a daily lateral flow test for 7 days and providing the results are negative they can attend school. Alternatively you may prefer your child to self-isolate for 7 days instead, if they find the testing process stressful.

If any pupil displays symptoms or tests positive on a lateral flow test then a PCR test is required. If the PCR test is positive they should self-isolate for 7 days- a lateral flow test should be taken on day 6 and day 7 and providing the results are negative on both days they can return to school on day 8. Please be aware that positive tests can still be recorded after day 7 and pupils shouldn't return to school until they have 2 negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart.

We have been informed that the school will be sent a supply of lateral flow tests to enable parents to test children before they return to school as per above instructions. We will inform

you when these have arrived. They are for **pupil use only** and to ensure that school can run as safely as possible.

If there is a confirmed positive case in your child's class, we will send out a letter to warn you of this, which will contain all of the information on what you need to do next. If there are several confirmed positive cases within 7 days of each other in a class we will send out a warn and inform letter to each class member, which will contain all of the information on what you need to do next.

The school routines and arrangements will be still the same as the autumn term, including pick up and drop off times. Please maintain social distancing and do not congregate. Breakfast club will continue for emergency childcare only to ensure we can continue to seat the children in their class bubbles. Places allocated previously still apply.

We will review the return of after school clubs at the end of January when hopefully the situation improves and we can look at activities that can take place outdoors.

I would like to repeat again. **Arrangements can change at very short notice – but we're all experts at reacting quickly to any changes by now! I will of course contact you if anything changes.**

Thank you for your continued support during these very difficult times; we have been overwhelmed by the support from our school community in ensuring everybody is kept safe.

Kind regards,

Mr Thomas