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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our Head Girl, Tegan and Head Boy, Garin I would like to wish you all a belated "Happy New Year"! I hope that you were able to enjoy some time over the holiday period with your family.

Back to school: January 2022

It has been lovely to welcome back pupils today. As you will know from the media, the COVID situation seems to change by the day. There have been further updates since my letter to you on the last day of the autumn 2021 term.

- **Face coverings:** we will be encouraging all staff and pupils (in the relevant age groups and who are not exempt) to wear face coverings; **parents/carers coming onto the school site are also encouraged to wear face coverings, unless they are exempt.**
- **Lateral Flow Testing:** Welsh Government have updated their advice for staff in special education provision. All staff, regardless of vaccination status, are "strongly encouraged" to undertake LFTs **every day.**
- **Temporary changes to the school day:** The Education and Welsh Language Minister has also allowed schools to operate staggered start and finish times from the start of the Spring term. You probably will not see too much of a difference in the morning, other than the process taking longer to ensure social distancing is adhered to; however, in the afternoon we will begin to load pupils at **2.30pm** and NOT at the current 2.55pm. We will review this, in line with WG requirements at the end of January.
- **Discussions with staff:** I know that some parents/carers who come to drop off and collect their children like to have conversations with staff; please keep these discussions to an absolute minimum. If you need longer time then please arrange to have a telephone call.
- **Pupils' attendance at school:** to keep everyone safe pupils should only attend school if they are well enough to do so. If you are concerned about your child's health then please continue to seek medical advice.

Even with all of these measures in place it might be necessary to close or partially close classes; please be assured that we will continue to do all that we can to prioritise in-school learning; if however, this is not possible then your child's class team will move to remote learning. While we work to get the class re-opened as soon as possible.

Keep safe and healthy,

I. Elliott

Ian Elliott MBE
Headteacher

