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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a very challenging term. Covid-19 is still very much a presence in our everyday lives, and this has had an impact on some of our learners having to self-isolate for periods of time. However, the school's approach to blended learning is now well embedded into our daily practice which has reduced the disruption to learning significantly. All pupils have responded to the new school rules that have been implemented to safeguard against Covid-19 in an exemplary way; your child has shown a great maturity when following these rules, and in doing so, has kept the transmissions levels as low as possible.

The recent news of the roll out of a vaccine is such a welcome step forward and it is encouraging to think that life may return to 'normal' sometime soon. However, in the short term, when pupils return from the Christmas break there will continue to be the need to adopt the safety measures we now have in place. Blended learning will still need to be an option for some learners if periods of self-isolation are required. We will therefore continue to develop our blended learning strategies and use of live learning lessons to ensure that learning between school and home is seamless and that your child is not disadvantaged if they are unable to attend school.

The new term commences for all pupils on **Monday 4th January 2021**. When we return to school in January, our formal partnership with Cwmbran High School in Torfaen will commence. Whilst this will have no impact on the standards of education your child receives, it will change the day-to-day running of the school. From January, my time will be divided between the two schools as I take up the post of Executive Headteacher and, as such, Mr Geraint Jones will take over the responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school as Head of School. He will be supported in this role by a strong Senior Leadership Team, including, Mrs Emilie Taylor, as Deputy Headteacher.

Our next INSET day is on **Friday 29th January 2021** and your child will not be required to attend school on that day. Further INSET days this academic year are on:

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

The school will also be closed on Monday 3rd May for the May Day Bank holiday.

Finally, it remains only for me, on behalf of the Staff and Governors of the School, to wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

MRS D GILL
Headteacher

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