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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: September and School Reopening

First of all may I thank all of you for your help and support over these last few months. It has not been easy for anyone and I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done. Since reopening I also cannot praise highly enough the attitude and approach of everybody who has attended. It has been great to see.

As I have mentioned in previous correspondence, all schools are tackling the September restart in their own way depending on their circumstances and structures. After publication of the Welsh government guidelines we are now in a position to share what reopening will look like here at St Illtyds:-

- Tuesday September 1st is a designated staff inset day by the local authority and the school will not be open to pupils as a result.
- Wednesday September 2nd the school will be open for Year 7 only. This is because many of them have never visited the site before and we feel they need a day to get themselves familiar with their new surroundings.
- Thursday September 3rd all year groups in. Full uniform.

Having all year groups in does not mean that we have put the safety of pupils and staff to one side. Far from it. Nor are we restarting the school as it was pre - Covid. This decision has not been taken lightly. We have gone through various models and believe that we are in a position where we are safe as we can be open to all and the medical and Government guidelines supports us in doing so.

Medical and Government advice also indicates that we can have our usual group sizes but we **must** have the correct procedures in place. This would include our current risk assessments of pupils and staff. The wearing of face masks will continue to be voluntary but this may change.

As well as this we will be putting nine safety principles in place:-

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

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4. Continue enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.
5. Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
6. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment. (PPE).
7. Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
8. Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
9. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

During the summer holidays, together with the Local Authority, we will continue to do all that we can to ensure that all is in place for reopening. I will write to you again, in the last week of August, to update you and provide more detail for the first day back.

I hope that you and your families have a good summer break and continue to stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. B. Thomas'.

D B Thomas
Headteacher