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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer. I am writing to you concerning the start of the new term and our arrangements for running the school day under the new Covid guidelines. There will be changes to last term and an easing of some restrictions but we are conscious that this pandemic is not over yet. As a result, we will be:-

- Maintaining the one-way system.
- Maintaining the Year group bubbles at the start of the day, break and lunchtime.
- Masks are to be voluntary including in public areas. This may change if the alert level changes in Wales as the term progresses. Currently it is rated as Low.
- Hand sanitiser is to be used upon entering the building, classrooms and on leaving the toilet.
- Classroom surfaces cleaned at the start of all lessons.
- Social distancing is to be maintained between staff and pupils.
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- Seating plans will still be compulsory.
- Ensuring appropriate ventilation measures and cleaning regimes are carried out.
- Actively engaging with TTP strategy.

Twice weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing will continue to be offered at the start of the academic year to all our pupils and can be collected free from reception starting tomorrow, Friday 3rd September.

The overriding consideration though is that pupils and staff must stay home and self-isolate if they have symptoms of COVID-19, whether they feel unwell or not. They must then go and get a test. By now we are all familiar with this and I cannot thank you all enough for your support and help in following these guidelines.

All our other procedures remain in place to make the school as safe as possible and to deal with any occurrences of a positive case that may happen over the coming term and beyond.

May I also take this opportunity to remind pupils and parents that the school opens for Year 7 pupils only on Monday September 6th and that we welcome all year groups back in full uniform on Tuesday September 7th.

Best Wishes,

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

D B Thomas
Headteacher