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Dear Parent/Carer and Pupil,

First and foremost may I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you as well as our wonderful staff for a tremendously successful and ENJOYABLE two weeks that has seen the full time return of Year 10 and 11 as well as 'check in' days for Years 7, 8 and 9. It is fair to say that the last 3 months have been incredibly challenging for us all but as a community we have come through this together.

Friday 26th March is the end of the present term and all pupils will return on Tuesday 13th April to full time education. As a school, we will continue to operate many safety protocols and measures to keep staff and pupils as safe as we possibly can and I ask that each of us follow the latest and most up to date Welsh Government guidance. Over the last two weeks we have tried to be flexible and cooperative to ensure we focus on settling the pupils back in but I must now address certain issues that have arisen and need to be addressed by a small number of pupils, they being:

1. **Uniform**, please ensure your child(ren) attend school in full school uniform now that you have had two weeks in school and will have two weeks of holiday to sort this. Our uniform is available from J & S Products, 74 Tycoch Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9EQ (01792 206658) www.js-products.co.uk. The uniform code is as follows:
 - Dylan Thomas Community School sweatshirt (navy blue) v neck
 - White shirt (short or long sleeved)
 - Dylan Thomas Community School tie
 - Dylan Thomas Community School prefect jumper (optional for prefects only)
 - Black trousers or black skirt
 - Black shoes, please no white trainers
 - Dylan Thomas Community school PE kit. This will include the school PE top, navy shorts or joggers
 - Hair colour must be natural with no bright colours or inappropriate styles
2. **Piercings**: no jewellery is allowed except for one pair of stud earrings. **PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND WITH AN EYEBROW, NOSE OR TONGUE PIERCING AS THEY WILL BE SENT HOME IF THEY REFUSE TO REMOVE IT.**
3. **Canteen**, a limited menu will return during break and lunch time after the Easter holiday.

4. **Safety protocol reminders**, please refresh your memory of the information below:
- **Pupils returning will be expected to wear face masks in communal spaces**, i.e. corridors and classrooms, where social distancing is not possible. Please ensure that your child(ren) attends school with one. Face masks are not compulsory if pupils are outdoors and are behaving sensibly. It is stressed that face masks are an additional measure of protection and do not replace other operational measures for the control of Covid-19, these being:
 - it is important to remember that social/ physical distancing between all learners and staff is vital, where possible pupils should remain with their year group and not mix with other pupils,
 - hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene remain strongly evidenced to be the most effective ways to prevent the spread of coronavirus, therefore all learners and staff must regularly wash or sanitize their hands and wear face masks,
 - pupils may move around the school but only as long as high standards of hygiene are maintained, e.g. desks are wiped down every lesson and that hands are washed or sanitized regularly,
 - The school will be well ventilated. This means doors and windows will be kept open to keep populated areas well ventilated.

Please also remember that under no circumstances should learners or staff attend school if they:

- feel unwell with or, have any of the identified COVID-19 symptoms: in which case they and their household should self isolate immediately and get a COVID-19 test;
- have tested positive for COVID-19 and been told to isolate;
- live in a household with someone who has symptoms of, or has tested positive for COVID-19: in which case the whole household must self isolate.

5. **Times of the day**, break and lunch will be staggered and pupils will be asked to sit in designated areas. In addition, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will leave school at the slightly earlier time of 2:55pm.

If you are unsure or have any queries about any of the information in this letter, please do contact the school so that we can clarify or help in any way possible, we are all here for you should you need us.

Please remain safe and well and follow Welsh Government guidance during the ongoing lockdown and we look forward to seeing you and your children in the new term. Have a Happy Easter!

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Davies
Headteacher (Acting)