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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families have had a restful and safe Christmas.

Welcome back to school albeit a very different start to a new term!

The national Covid-19 situation over Christmas has escalated as a result of concerns over the new variant and the introduction of Tier 4 restrictions. We still do not know what this means for schools and are awaiting further guidance. For now, we do know that schools in Newport are closed for face-to-face teaching until **Friday 8th January**.

Distance Learning - Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January

Today, staff are participating in a planned **INSET day** which means the new term for students does not start until tomorrow. From **tomorrow** until **Friday 8th January**, students will be expected to engage in live streamed lessons, recorded lessons or set work through Google Classroom. The plan before Christmas was for all students to return to school on Monday 11th January. The situation is being reviewed by Welsh Government during the course of this week. It is vitally important that our students engage with online learning to continue their education as we do not yet know how long we will be in this predicament.

From **Tuesday 5th January**, students need to log on to their email and the Google Classroom related to their timetable. Students should keep to a routine and complete work for the subjects that they have on any given day. Instructions for work as well as any resources, including recorded lessons, can be found in each subject Google Classroom. If a live lesson is to take place, instructions will be sent to students via email or uploaded to Google Classroom. Teachers will be available to answer student queries via email throughout the school day.

Information regarding distance learning can be found on our website [here](#). If you have any generic queries, please contact school from 0800-1600 on 01633 224490 and for individual queries, contact your child's progress leader.

Childcare for Critical Workers

We have been asked to provide childcare for children of critical workers from **Wednesday 6th January to Friday 8th January**. Places are limited and targeted at students in Year 7 and Year 8. In order to minimise contact and reduce the risk of transmission between individuals, students should only be eligible to attend school where:

- both their parents are identified as critical workers and
- where one or both parents are unable to work from home, and
- where there is no other childcare available

In the case of single-parent households, students should only be eligible to attend school where that parent falls within the critical worker definition, and is unable to work from home, and has no other available childcare.

If you meet the criteria and need childcare provision from Wednesday 6th January to Friday 8th January, please phone the school on Monday 4th January 2021 between 0800 and 1600 to speak to a member of staff.

Year 9 Tutor Evening

A reminder that the Year 9 Tutor Evening will take place via telephone on **Thursday 7th January**. Year 9 parents have received a letter with the exact details.

Further Information

As soon as we receive clarification from Welsh Government on the reopening of schools, we will be in touch. In the meantime, please can you encourage your child to participate in distance learning. The amount of time students have been out of school since March 2020 concerns us all. Although not a substitute for face-to-face teaching, distance learning is the next best provision so it is vital our students use it to support their education.

Stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Mr. D. Curtis
Headteacher/Pennaeth