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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and enjoying the fine weather. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school in either school uniform or our official PE kit. There have been very few children who have not followed our expectations.

As we head towards the final week of this academic year, I wanted to reflect a little on the last few weeks, to provide information regarding the start of next term and to share an update on new guidance surrounding isolation in relation to Covid-19.

Attendance across the school has continued to improve throughout the year and now stands at just under 92%. Pre covid our attendance was 95% so we all still have a part to play in September to ensure that correct routines and habits are in place.

Congratulations to all our Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils who embarked upon the first public examination series since the pandemic began. Their positivity, maturity and resilience made us proud of each pupil and we look forward to sharing their results with them in August.

Last week marked the return of our annual Sports Day for the first time since 2019. What we are calling a 'covid keeper' has been organising a separate Sports Day for each year group. Participation levels have been at their highest ever and the huge level of enjoyment amongst both staff and pupils was clearly palpable.

Currently, during the school day our music rooms and the school hall are reverberating with the joyous tunes of the school choir and orchestra preparing to entertain parents, carers, governors and staff with a celebration of their musical talent on the evening of Wednesday 20th July. All are welcome.

On Friday 15 July, the Welsh Baccalaureate Department raised money for Velindre Cancer Care. As an end-of-year celebration to recognise pupils for their hard work this academic year, Years 7-10 are invited to enjoy a variety of large inflatables and a fairground ride. Year 10 pupils will also be selling their wonderful hand-crafted products.

September return to school

- Friday 2 September INSET DAY
- Monday 5 September Year 7 and Year 12 return to school
- Tuesday 6 September all pupils return to school

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Inset days 2022-23

- Friday 2 September
- Friday 25 November
- Monday 28 November
- Friday 23 December
- Monday 13 March
- Friday 30 June

School Covid-19 Update Since July 2, 2022

There has been a slight change in the Self Isolation Guidance. There is no longer a requirement for two negative lateral flow tests to be obtained to be able to end self-isolation before day ten. Previous guidance required a negative lateral flow test on both day 5 and day 6.

Latest guidance summary:

1. Day 1 of Covid is the day after your symptoms began or the day after you tested positive, whichever was soonest e.g., if you began to experience symptoms on Sunday 10 July, Day 1 would be Monday 11 July.
2. On Day 5 take a lateral flow test.
3. If the test is negative, isolation will end on Day 6.
4. If the test is positive, continue to test daily. Isolation ends the day after a negative test or day 10, whichever is soonest.

Welsh Government Guidance (updated 2 July 2022) states that if you have a positive Covid19 test, it is important that you stay at home and avoid contact with other people. We would, therefore, politely request that if your child develops any of the “cardinal” symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell) they take a lateral flow test. If they test positive, we would request that they remain at home and isolate in line with the guidance above.

Before the end of term, please look out for our summer newsletter. This will provide a positive reflection on a host of wonderful curriculum and enrichment activities which have taken place throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

J Jarrett

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