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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you following the announcement today from the Welsh Government regarding the start of the new term in January 2022. Due to the recent surge in cases of COVID-19 across Wales, and in particular the uncertainty regarding the impact of Omicron, the Welsh Government are providing all schools with two planning days at the start of the new spring term. The purpose of this is to allow time for schools to assess staffing capacity and put the necessary measures in place to support the safe return of learners. During these two days, work will not be provided for pupils and there will be no provision for vulnerable pupils or children of Key Workers.

Pupils will now return to school on **Thursday 6th January 2022**.

If your child is sitting an exam in January, the Welsh Government is still intending that these will take place and the school will work to ensure that these exams are undertaken in line with any COVID-19 guidance.

It is very important that pupils continue regular Lateral Flow Testing in term time so we can find and isolate those who are potentially infectious to others without knowing. This is particularly important, now and in the new term, while we gather evidence and build our understanding of the Omicron variant. Moving forward, we expect your child to undertake a Lateral Flow Test **three** times a week (on Monday, Wednesday and Friday) in the week before returning to school and to then continue testing regularly **three** times a week after the start of term in January.

When your child returns to school they will be required to wear a face mask, unless medically exempt.

It is also important that no one with COVID-19 symptoms attends school at the start of term; they should book a PCR test.

As there is still a great deal of uncertainty regarding the spread of COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, I will write to you again in the days prior to pupils returning to school to outline the arrangements for the re-start and the measures we will be putting in place to ensure the school community is kept safe.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

MRS D GILL

Executive Headteacher