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Dear Learner, Parent / Carer,

Welcome Back to Porthcawl Comprehensive School

As you will be aware from the media, the Welsh Government has indicated that the return to school for learners will be from the 15th March. Welsh Government guidance states that "Secondary Schools will provide onsite education for learners in Years 11 and 13". The guidance goes further by stating schools may provide access to onsite education for pupils in Year 10 and 12. Finally, schools have been given the flexibility to provide learners in Years 7, 8 and 9 with the opportunity of a check-in focused on support for wellbeing, in readiness for a return to their setting (school) after Easter (WC 12.04.21). The Welsh Government provides advice about gradually increasing school operation to help reduce the amount of community transmissions.

Given the advice above, I have planned the following return to school for the different year groups, following the timings of a normal school day. The provision for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers will continue alongside the return of other year groups. The control measures we used (one way systems / different breaks / lunchtimes etc) before the lock down will continue until we are told differently.

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The following chart will commence Monday 15th March and will run until we break for Easter on Friday 26th March.

| Week A | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| W/C 15 th | 11 + 13 10 | 11 + 13 12 7 | 11 + 13 12 8 | 11 + 13 12 9 | 11 + 13 10 |
| Week B | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| W/C 22 nd | 11 + 13 10 | 11 + 13 12 7 | 11 + 13 12 8 | 11 + 13 12 9 | 11 + 13 10 |

I would like to offer a few notes on changes to practice:-

- Where social distancing cannot be maintained, the learners are expected to wear their face covering. This will mean in classrooms and common areas around the school.
- Welsh Government recommend a return to school uniform so we will adhere to this. All learners are asked to wear their school uniform during their sessions on site, unless as previously, they have PE and Games lessons where appropriate kit can be worn for the day.
- The basic expectation to maintain social distances remains as does the advice on hand washing. Hand sanitizer will be available across the campus for use by all.
- There is a proposal to offer all learners from Years 10-13 the opportunity to take a Lateral Flow Test. These tests will be taken home and participation is voluntary, as it is an offer from Welsh Government. I am awaiting further guidance and will update you accordingly.

I am delighted that we can re-start our school. However, I am mindful that many learners will be anxious about coming back to school. We will provide support to all anxious or worried learners. If you feel you would benefit from additional support please e-mail info@porthcawlschool.co.uk and we will be in touch.

It has been a long time since we have been together and I hope this is the first step in the return to normal life at our school. As always please be careful and keep you and your families safe.

See you very soon,

Best wishes

A Slade

Headteacher