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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you all for your efforts to date. Your hard work in supporting your child with online tasks and live lessons has been incredible. It has been a difficult few months, but I am finally in a position to share our plans to re-open our doors for face to face learning.

Return to school information for parents/carers and pupils for the period up to Easter

Further guidance was received on Wednesday from Welsh Government. Since then, we have been working closely with the Local Authority and other secondary schools across Swansea to adopt a consistent return to school. You will have already received a letter from our Director of Education, Helen Morgan Rees. In light of this, I can confirm the following plans:

- Pupils in year 11 will return on Monday 15th until Easter
- Pupils in year 10 will return on Thursday 18th until Easter
- KS3 pupils will receive 1 day each at their school during the last week
 - Monday 22nd March – Year 7
 - Wednesday 24th March – Year 8
 - Thursday 25th March – Year 9
- Remote learning will continue to be set in line with current arrangements on any day your child is not scheduled to be in school.
- No online learning will be set on the days that your child should be in school.
- Food/water – pupils will need to bring in their own packed lunch/ snacks. There **will not** be any food or drink available to purchase at school. There are facilities for filling water bottles.
- eFSM payments will continue for families that have children in receipt of free school meals.
- Equipment – pupils will be required to bring in their own pen, pencil etc and not to share stationery equipment.



- Transport – in most cases pupils are encouraged to walk or be transported to and from school by parents. We are awaiting further information from county regarding bus transportation, but we do know that face coverings will be required on school transport where this is available.
- Welsh Government have confirmed that pupils will be expected to wear face coverings at all times during the school day, this includes lesson times. They will be removed for lunch and snack times etc.

Pupil Wellbeing

Friday 12th March will be a designated 'Pupil Wellbeing Day'. No work will be set for this day. Instead, pupils can take part in one of the following fun and interactive challenges that will be available online:

- Food Technology: Good Food for Good Mood
- Physical Education: Beat the Teacher

More information on these challenges will follow early next week, including guidance on accessing the challenges on line.

Your child can also use this day to catch up on any missed work. I feel it is important that pupils get the opportunity to recharge their batteries after what has been a long and difficult term.

Staff at Cefn Hengoed will use this day as a training day in preparation for the staggered return to school from Monday 15th March.

Health & Safety

The school will be adhering to the County wide Risk Assessment policy that is in place in conjunction with the [WG Guidance](#). This includes the installation of multiple hand sanitizer stations around the school, social distancing on the school site and within classrooms and a stringent cleaning rota.

The school retains the right to review its provision in line with statutory guidance and make amendments to its Risk Assessment policy when and where necessary.

These are challenging times for everybody and I wish to stress that my main priority is the health and safety of the whole school community; everything is secondary to that. As always, I send my warmest wishes to you all. We as a school endeavour to support you and your family in any way we can and I ask you to please get in touch with us at any time. Stay safe and well. All of the staff at Cefn Hengoed are thinking of you.

Yours sincerely



C D Bale
Headteacher