11–18TH DECEMBER 2020

In response to the national UK announcement of allowing three households to meet over the Christmas period and to pressures placed on families to remain safe in the lead up to Christmas we have decided to action a plan to safeguard our pupils and families. To enable families to celebrate together without fear of self-isolation.

Rationale:

Currently, adults have to socially distance from each other and therefore, if done correctly, are not identified as 'contacts' by Track and Trace in cases of positive Covid19 test results. However, this is not the case for children who are placed into 'bubbles' – where they are allowed to be next to each other. If a positive Covid19 test result is returned then Track and Trace insist that the whole 'bubble' are to self- isolate for 14 days and are named contacts. Currently, at Cefn Saeson, due to the age and layout of the school, children are in year group bubbles (of approx. 150 pupils) and if they travel to school on a bus an additional mix-year group bubble of approx. 30 pupils.

On Tuesday 24th November the 4 governments of the UK agreed that three households will be able to meet together between December 23rd and 27th in a festive relaxation of the coronavirus rules. Under our current way of working at Cefn Saeson in Year group bubbles that means that if a child has a positive test result after the 9th December, the year group will be identified as contacts by Track and Trace they must self-isolate for all or part of Christmas. If we assume 3 households are approximately 10 people, then one positive case could affect the Christmas celebrations of up to 2,000 people. We cannot allow this to happen within our community.

December 10-18th proposal:

The school is open for all pupils until Friday 18th December. **The 10th December will be an Inset day** in order for us to prepare safely for the proposed changes. The proposal will be in affect from Friday 11th December until the end of term.

From Friday 11- 18th December there will be a revised timetable of form 3x 100 minute group activities giving a full 5 hours of learning per day. Tighter restrictions will apply to minimise the identified contacts in case of a positive test result e.g. pupils will remain in the same room, a strict seating plan and tighter restrictions during lunch and break times.

The day format will change considerably to accommodate more seasonal activity based day:

Session 1	Pastoral		08.30 – 10.10
Session 2 *	AoLE & Break	*	10.10 – 12.05

*Session 2 will include a 15 minute pupil break for snacks.

Form Time			12.05 -12.25
Session 3	AoLE	& Staggered Lunch	12.25 – 14.45 (Staggered Exit as trialled previously)

*Session 3 will include 20 minute brunch that will eaten inside the class under teacher supervision and then a 20 minute opportunity to go outside under LSA supervision. Total 40 minutes pupil lunch.

We cannot use the canteen facilities as this will take the bubble to 150+ pupils. **Pupils will need to bring in a packed lunch and snacks for these days. FSM pupils will receive a packed lunch.**