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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that we have received information from the Welsh Government today that the first two days of the January term are to be taken as Covid planning days. These days are Tuesday and Wednesday the 4th and 5th of January, with pupils returning to learning (hopefully in school) on Thursday the 6th of January.

The planning days have been put in place to allow schools time to assess staffing capacity and put the necessary measures in place to support the return of our pupils. It will also allow us to plan for our Year 10 & 11 learners to safely sit their January exams. Welsh Government have advised that the planning days are also used to ensure that we have robust plans in place to move to remote learning if so required, this could be for individual classes/year groups or possibly for the whole school, depending on Covid implications and staffing pressures.

Due to the emergence of the Omicron variant more robust Covid procedures and interventions will be put in place around the school, e.g. one way system, sanitising stations and year group bubbles. Current mask wearing procedures will remain. On return to school both staff and pupils are strongly encouraged by Welsh Government to take Lateral Flow Tests in term time so that we can find and isolate those who are potentially infectious to others without knowing. We have been advised that: *staff and learners of secondary age and above should test **three** times a week using LFDs (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.* LFD tests can be obtained from your local pharmacy or online [here](#) free of charge, or, we can provide these in school during the planning days.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you will receive payment from the Local Authority for Tuesday and Wednesday the 4th and 5th of January.

Unfortunately, this is all the information we have presently but we will give you more information before, and, also on the 4th of January. I will send you an update on the 4th at 2pm both on the website and via social media. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your families a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. L. R. Cole (Headteacher)

