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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to inform you of our arrangements for welcoming more pupils back to school from the week commencing 15th of March onwards. Final confirmation of these arrangements will take place after the First Minister has made a statement on 12th of March, due to the need to act in accordance with the public health situation at the time. However, we want to communicate our plans with you so that we can all prepare for a return to face-to-face learning.

Return to school

During the week commencing **15th of March** we will be welcoming exam groups back to the site as follows:

Year 11	Monday, 15 th of March
Year 12	Monday, 15 th of March
Year 13	Monday, 15 th of March

During the week commencing **22nd of March**, we will welcome year 10 pupils back to the site for face-to-face learning. To confirm, an In-Service Training day will not be held on Friday 26th March, as set out in the school calendar.

We will contact the parents of a small number of pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 individually as regards to any arrangements for a possible 'check in' before Easter. These 'check ins' will be no longer than half a school day and will focus on the wellbeing of the pupils invited.

The school will be closed for the Easter Holidays from Monday 29th of March, and re-open on Monday 12th of April. All pupils can return to the school site after the Easter holidays.

Masks

All pupils will be required to wear a mask in class, unless there is a medical reason that exempts them from doing so. Pupils travelling to school by bus or taxi will also have to wear a mask on school transport.

Safety

All control measures previously implemented by the school will remain in place as regards to contact groups, taking temperatures, zones for year groups, hygiene and additional cleaning.

Transport

School transport will run as normal from 15th March for eligible pupils. We would be grateful if you could transport your child to school in order for us to reduce the numbers on the buses. To reduce traffic problems on the site we ask that you drop pupils near the school car park rather than directly in front of the school building.



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Food

The canteen will open on Monday 22nd of March so years 11, 12 and 13 will need to bring their own lunch for the first week. Direct payments to those eligible for free school meals will continue until the 22nd of March for years 10-13 and those for years 7-9 will continue until they return to school.

School Uniform

Pupils are expected to return to school in their uniform. Please contact the school for a further discussion if there are any problems regarding uniform.

Lateral Flow Tests

Pupils from years 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be able to receive one-way flow tests for use in the home. There will be more information to follow in terms of instructions for these tests. Pupils collect their tests from school and receive enough for 3 weeks.

Pupils are expected to implement the tests on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and contact the school immediately if the test is positive. The school should be contacted on these evenings by E-mail to LFT@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk.

Symptoms

Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms should immediately stay at home and book a test. The entire household needs to self-isolate until the result of the test is known.

Symptoms include a high temperature, a new continuous cough and a loss or change to sense of smell or taste. There can be other symptoms early on, such as headaches, tiredness and general aches and pains usually associated with flu.

Regulations

Although we hope that pupils can return to school from the 15th of March onwards, the current regulations continue to ask everyone to keep within their household and not mix with others. We kindly ask you to remind your child of these requirements.

We very much look forward to being able to welcome your child back to the school site. Thank you very much as parents and carers for all your efforts to assist with your children's education throughout this period.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr Rhodri Thomas)