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Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

As you are aware, before the break there was some uncertainty as to how the start of the new term would begin. I can confirm that at the point of writing the plan is for all pupils to return to school on **Thursday 6th January at 8.30am**. Pupils are to line up outside as normal in full uniform **including a mask**, ready to learn

The situation with Covid-19 is constantly moving and from my experience last term can require changes to be made with very little notice. I will endeavour to ensure that school remains open however, I may be required to resort to distance learning should staffing levels dictate. Please can I ask that you keep an eye on your emails, the school website and social media for any updates from me.

As per the Welsh Government operational guidelines we are now able to operate a staggered exit to allow for better social distancing when pupils are leaving the school site. Pupils will now leave school at the following times:

- Years 7 & 8 - 2.45pm
- Year 9 - 2.50pm
- Years 10 and above 3.00pm

These exit times are subject to review as the term progresses.

In order to quickly detect asymptomatic individuals, we are encouraging all staff and pupils to carryout Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) 3 times a week on a Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. If you have not signed your child up for Lateral Flow Testing and would like to, please email [Matthewsl156@hwbcymru.net](mailto:Matthewsl156@hwbcymru.net).

On Wednesday 5th January, we will be offering emergency childcare provision for critical workers who are unable to find alternative childcare options. Anyone wishing to secure a place must email Rhian Dobson [dobsonr8@hwbcymru.net](mailto:dobsonr8@hwbcymru.net) before 1pm today.

Thank you for your support at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully



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