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WM/ParentsCarersLetter/Easter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

I feel that every time I write to you at the end of every half term we discuss the challenges with the hope that progress will be made and there is a light at the end of the tunnel. As you will be aware guidance for the general public has moved on and created a sense of operating as close as possible to where we were pre-pandemic.

COVID-19 update

Due to the nature of our setting, I'm sure you'll agree that the safety of all of our pupils and staff continue to be priority and as a consequence, following Welsh Government guidance we fall within the Health Care, Social Care and Adult Health Care provision. As a result of this, our staff members will continue to use the Taylor Testing Scheme, if identified as a contact and Welsh Government will retain the PCR testing via community testing units, in line with Health and Social Care staff.

We will remain with our current whole school risk assessments, but we will be working with Health and the Local Authority Health and Safety team to continue with the developments we have already undertaken.

We will be in constant contact with Welsh Government and the Local Authority to review available data and adjust risk assessments accordingly as we progress into the May half term holidays.

As part of supporting the schools to move forward, the vaccination programme has been key. Once a pupil or a member of staff has received two vaccinations, they are classified as fully vaccinated. Please see enclosed letter from the Welsh Government that has already been circulated, but is for your information for the vaccination programme for 5-11-year olds.

Leadership appointments across the Federation

We've had a busy few weeks in terms of recruitment across the Federation. The applicants who applied for the Deputy Executive Headteacher post and the Head of School of Ty Gwyn post have been of the highest quality and I am delighted to confirm the appointments of:

- Rachel Faulkner- Deputy Executive Headteacher, Western Learning Federation
- Jamie Brotherton- Head of School at Ty Gwyn School

A huge congratulations to both Rachel and Jamie who will take up their posts at the beginning of the new academic year in September. I'm sure you'll want to share your congratulations with them both as we celebrate these new appointments.

As you are aware, Diane Stones Head of School at Ty Gwyn School will be retiring at the end of the academic year and we are in the process of celebrating the success, hard work and commitment that has Diane has contributed to Ty Gwyn School and the Federation over many years. We will be in touch with plans on how we can together celebrate her success.

Federation Inset Day- 9th April on Positive Behaviour Support Conference.

As part of the growth and development of the Federation, we have an exciting inset day planned on Friday 8th April which will deliver workshops and presentations on Positive Behaviour Support, with a key focus on looking at Journeys. This Federation Professional Learning Offer is the first PBS Conference and it is an opportunity for staff across the Federation to showcase their highly skilled abilities, some of who are guest speakers throughout the day. The hope is that we will in time be able to have a parent/carers conference and work has already started to put plans in place for this.

I'd like wish you a happy and enjoyable Easter break and we'll see you in the new term.

Yours sincerely

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