



## Western Learning Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well. The sunshine has been very welcome for all our pupils and staff, as I am sure it has for you. The past few weeks have continued to be present it's challenges for us as a Federation and across the three schools. Staff sickness levels have been high because of COVID, staff who have been off school have felt unwell. We have still been able to keep classes open where we can and that has been down to the flexibility of our staff to help meet the complexity of need across each of the three schools. We are aware that COVID levels have been high across Cardiff, with many staff and pupils, as well as their families testing positive and feeling unwell.

The Welsh Government announcements on Friday have led to a relaxing of many of the restrictions. The process is slightly different in schools, and even more complicated in special schools, and we need to decide our next steps, based on the current situation, and the specific circumstances of each school. We cannot afford more staff to be ill and off school because this would mean having to close more classes. We want to ensure that all our pupils are educated on site, are able to socialise and receive face-to-face learning.

As a result, we will continue with our current restrictions in place until Easter, and then outline the next steps that will be put in place. We will continue to work with Cardiff Council Health and Safety team and Welsh Government over the next few weeks and will provide you with an update before we finish for the Easter break.

Yours sincerely

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