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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Information Update

Firstly, I hope you and your families are well and managing in these very unusual times.

I thought it appropriate to write and offer updates, where I can, on a number of areas. I have divided this communication into sections for ease of digest.

School Re-Opening

The Minister for Education in Wales has announced that it is likely that schools will re-open on a partial basis initially but as yet, there is no indication as to when this will happen. Clearly, any move to re-open schools will necessitate a significant amount of planning around the curriculum with mapping of availability of workforce, health and welfare of pupils and staff and many other considerations associated with social distancing. Please be assured that you as parents will be kept informed of developments.

Distance Learning

I wrote to you two weeks ago outlining the arrangements for Distance Learning. Work continues to be replenished and published on a regular basis and is signposted from WorkZone on the school website. Teaching staff are tracking carefully the access and engagement with work and offering support, feedback and guidance. Contact details for staff, along with further guidance for Distance Learning can be found on the website.

The priority for Distance Learning is around engagement, enrichment of knowledge and the development of skills. I have taken the decision to not mandate restrictive or prescriptive timetables recognising that many of you will be working from home and also potentially managing home-education for younger children as well. If however, you would like support on constructing a timetable or would like to access samples of timetables then please contact the relevant Head of Learning who will be able to offer support.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any form of assistance.

Year 10 and Year 12 Learners

Headteachers are currently liaising closely with Qualifications Wales, the examination board regulator, and the Welsh Government with respect to the summer examination series for 2020-2021. Clearly there will need to be a national approach given that all schools and all learners of this age are in the same position. It may be that there are changes in the



