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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family are keeping as safe and healthy as possible in what continues to be very uncertain times. This past term has been one of the most challenging I can remember in my 22 years of being a headteacher. Like you, I am hoping for better times ahead!

On behalf of everyone associated with Trinity Fields, I apologise if your child has had disruption to their in-school learning; this is not what any of us want but we do need to ensure that we have enough experienced staff to allow classes and the school to operate safely. This has been a huge challenge- some of our very experienced supply staff have also not been available for work that has added to the situation.

I am sure that you will be aware that the measures that schools in Wales will follow will be changing after Easter. However, special schools and specialist settings will be following different guidance based upon that in social care settings. This is because a significant number of our pupils have very complex health needs. After Easter, staff will continue to do LTF testing before they come to work. We will continue to follow our well-established strategies, such as the wearing of face coverings, enhanced cleaning throughout the day, keeping pupils and staff in “bubbles” as far as possible etc. until we see the number of positive cases dropping.

### Training Days

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022** is a staff training day- the focus for the day is the new Curriculum for Wales. Pupils return on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

The last training day for staff in this school year will be on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**; the focus for this training day is transition/preparations for September 2022.

### Bank Holidays

Reminder that school will be closed on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (May Day)** and **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)**. Pupils return on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022**.

I do hope that we can return to more “normal” times as soon as possible but once again, my sincere apologies for the disruption caused to your child’s in-school learning. Many thanks for your continued support and understanding.

Keep strong,

*I. Elliott*

**Ian Elliott MBE**  
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