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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family are continuing to keep safe and healthy. My apologies for the delay in writing to you after the Easter break, but after 2 years of dodging COVID it finally caught up with me on Easter Saturday. I was due to return to school this week (on Wednesday) but my routine testing on Tuesday evening showed that I had contracted the virus again. All being well, with the relevant negative tests I hope to return to school on Monday (May 9th). All I can say on this is thank goodness I had been triply vaccinated.

COVID updates

This week the Minister for Education and Welsh Language announced some changes that would bring schools in line with the rest of the community. However, schools like Trinity Fields which have a large number of pupils with complex needs will continue to sit outside the updated proposals. Currently we are following very similar guidance to those who work in health and social care.

This means that there are no immediate plans to relax the measures that we have in place to minimise the impact of COVID. Our procedures, including our comprehensive risk assessment will continue to be kept under review and will be updated in line with the reduction in the number of COVID cases which we hope to see over the course of this term. Staff will continue to undertake 5 day lateral flow testing, they will wear face coverings in communal areas, school meals will continue to be taken in classrooms and our one way system and additional cleaning throughout the school day will continue at least until the end of this term.

September 2022

As I'm writing this update letter to you staff are already looking towards September, and preparing to welcome around 30 new pupils; with a new class on the main school site and an additional secondary satellite class at Heolddu Comprehensive School. We are currently working on class lists for September and hope to share details of your child's class after the Whitsun holiday.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We will be holding a "street party" for pupils on Wednesday 25th May. This really is a "once in a lifetime" celebration. Classes have already made cards which will be sent off to Her Majesty the Queen. More details to follow about our celebrations.



Training day

Our last training day for this school year will be on **Monday 6th June 2022**. The focus for this day will be school organisation for September 2022.

I continue to thank you for your support, patience and understanding during this past school year. Like you, I hope that better days and a sense of "normality" lie ahead.

Keep strong and stay safe,

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Headteacher

Ian Elliott MBE, Headteacher Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre

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