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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family are continuing to keep safe and healthy. Just when I thought the number of COVID cases were decreasing there seems to be another rise in some parts of Wales. As I mentioned in my past letter to you we are keeping many of the processes that we have in place to keep everyone safe.

- **Face coverings:** we will continue to encourage staff and pupils (in the relevant age groups and who are not exempt) to wear face coverings; we will review this after the Easter holidays in line with Welsh Government updated advice.
- **Lateral Flow Testing:** all staff, regardless of vaccination status, are “strongly encouraged” to undertake LFTs **every day**. We will be continuing to ask staff to take daily LFTs until COVID case numbers reduce to a level that allows us to return to twice weekly testing. **The guidance for special schools is different to the guidance that the Welsh Government has issued for mainstream schools.**
- **Discussions with staff:** I know that some parents/carers who drop off and collect their children like to have conversations with staff; please continue to keep these discussions to a minimum. If you need longer time then please arrange a telephone call with the member of staff.
- **Pupils’ attendance at school:** to keep everyone safe, the advice continues to be that pupils should only attend school if they are well enough to do so. If you are concerned about your child’s health then please continue to seek medical advice.
- **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee:** our additional Bank Holiday to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee will be on **Tuesday 3rd May 2022**; school will therefore be closed on **Monday 2nd May 2022** for May Day Bank Holiday as well as the Tuesday. We are hoping that COVID restrictions will allow us to do something very special to mark this significant “once in a lifetime” event.
- **Staff training days:** school will be closed to pupils on **Monday 25th April** and **Monday 6th June 2022** for staff training.

As always, your support, patience and understanding has been very much appreciated by everyone at Trinity Fields during these past 2 years. I sincerely hope that the worse is over and that brighter times lie ahead for all of us.

Keep safe and healthy,

I. Elliott

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