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October Letter to Parents

Dear Parents/Carers

I write at the end of an exceptionally busy first half term. I think it's fair to say that we have achieved so much as a school and we are all very excited about the next 2 months as we make final preparations to complete the building extension in December.

Over this half term break, contractors will ensure the foundation phase playground is useable for when pupils return. This means we will once again have access to a lot of outside learning provision. Builders will also 'switch on' the power to the new extension and remove all temporary power supplies. Unfortunately, this means that the school will be completely closed and respite services have been affected.

Throughout November and December, contractors will be completing final decorations, installing furniture and completing all ICT connections. The building will be handed over to the school on December 20th 2024!!! When we return in **January**, the extension will be open to pupils, staff and all school stakeholders. I'm delighted to say that I think this means that the main car park will also be significantly extended once again.

Attention will then immediately turn to the refurbishment of the existing site which will start in January and will be completed in January 2026. This means that we will not feel the full impact of the extension until January 2026 as some classes will need to move temporarily to the extension while refurbishment is carried out.

I have to say that I think the pupils have coped remarkably well and I would like to sincerely thank all staff for the way they have supported pupils through this significant period of change. I would like to extend this thanks to parents/carers also (particularly those who drop/collect children to/from school).

It is clear however, that the move into the extension, and planning for the start of the refurbishment project is going to take a lot of coordination and person power. Therefore, in collaboration with the Local Authority and Governing Body, I need to inform you that we will be taking a 3rd moving day before Christmas which will mean a closure day for all pupils in **ALL** of the provisions including satellites. In summary therefore:

- **Friday 20th December 2024 – School will be closed to all pupils across all sites (including satellites) for an additional moving day**
- **Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET Day as published – school closed to all pupils across all sites**
- **Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Moving Day on main Trinity Site only as published. Satellites will remain open as usual**

Other News:

I'm delighted to say that the pool has been open this half term and at last count, in excess of 100 pupils have used the pool since September.

We continue to embed our new staffing structure which is already beginning to have a positive impact across the school. Our curriculum development work is linked closely to this structure and a lot of work is continuing to ensure we plan the most amazing experiences for pupils. A reminder of this structure is given below:

- **The Explorers** – mainly pupils in Nursery through to year 2 led by Rachel Westren
- **The Adventurers** – mainly pupils in year 3 to year 6 led by Sian James
- **The Investigators** – mainly pupils in year 7 – year 9 led initially by Jo Daniels
- **The Researchers** – mainly pupils in year 10 & 11 led initially by Libby Harman
- **Aspire** – mainly pupils in year 12-year 14 also led initially by Libby Harman

The leadership team have enjoyed several visits to our satellite provisions which I have to say are exceptional. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the headteachers, staff and governors at our satellite schools of:

- Cwm Ifor Primary
- Pontllanfraith Primary
- Deri Primary
- Ty Isaf Infants School
- St Cenydd Comprehensive
- Heolddu Comprehensive
- Coleg y Cymoedd

I am particularly pleased with our newly branded 'N-Gage' team which offers enhanced intervention support, advice and guidance to learners. They have recently established a series of lunch time clubs which many pupils are responding really well to.

We continue to recruit staff to ensure we stay ahead of an increasing pupil roll. Over the last 6 Tuesday evenings, all staff have been engaged in rich professional learning covering topics such as Total Communication, Positive Behaviour Support, Assistive Technology, Trauma Informed Schools and medical interventions. In addition, 4 staff members have completed their British Sign Language Level (BSL) Level 1.

Unfortunately, we've had a couple of significant floods over the last few weeks. This means our Café has been taken out of action just as we were making plans to fully re-open it.

After Half Term

I love the second half of the autumn term where our attention will shift to Christmas at an appropriate time. This is always a great time to catch up with parents/carers as we welcome you into school for various celebrations. Dates have been circulated earlier in the half term.

It only leaves me to wish you a happy and safe half term. As always, if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me as we continue to develop our amazing school...together.

With very best wishes as always,



Dave Jenkins Executive Headteacher, Trinity Fields School & Resource Centre

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Developing all pupils as ambitious, enterprising, ethical and healthy learners