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Executive Directorate / Public Health

Dear Parent/Carer

As your local Director of Public Health, I am writing to you as your child/children return to face-to-face learning, to ask for your help in working with us to make this return a success.

The pandemic has had an impact on all of our lives, and as parents you will have been worried about the impact it has had on your child's wellbeing, their friendships and their opportunity to grow and develop through the usual variety of activities, both in and out of school.

The steps that we have had to take as a society to protect those who are most at risk, and to ensure that our health and care services can continue to care for us when we need them, have been difficult but necessary.

We are not able to relax yet; we still need to be careful, in order to keep the levels of infection as low as possible. The success of our local vaccination programme is providing additional protection to those who are most at risk, and we will continue our efforts to reach everyone as quickly as we can.

Managing the pandemic locally, and protecting our population, is a partnership effort, and I work closely with my colleagues in the Health Board, the Local Authority, voluntary and community organisations and Public Health Wales, but we will not succeed without your help.

Our Headteachers, school staff and Local Authority colleagues have worked very hard to ensure our schools are as safe as possible. I am asking you now to continue playing your part in controlling the spread of the virus once your child is again attending school:

- Keeping your child at home if they are unwell, even if you are not sure if it is coronavirus.
- Continuing to work at home if at all possible.
- Not having other children to your home to play, even outdoors, and even if they are in the same bubble at school.
- Not sharing a lift to school or other activities from other parents unless absolutely necessary.
- Keeping your distance from other parents, and not hanging around to chat when you take your child to school.
- Making sure your child understands the importance of washing their hand regularly.

Thank you for your help in keeping the virus in check and helping us all return to normal as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Kelechi Nnoaham

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