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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support during this most difficult period of the pandemic. Whilst schools remain closed for face to face learning, the number of Coronavirus cases are falling. The First Minister, Mark Drakeford, has announced that he is hopeful that some pupils will be able to return to school week commencing 15th March IF cases continue to fall. It appears that this will be **Year 11** in the first instance. Following that, we are hoping for a staggered return to school for all other year groups. Unfortunately, I have no further information regarding this timeline at present. Once I do, I will of course share our plans with you.

Whilst we await clarification regarding return to school dates, here is some further information we wish to share with you:

Remote Learning

All pupils will continue to receive online learning whilst school remains closed. Lessons will be provided in a number of formats:

- Some lessons will have power points and worksheets.
- Some lessons will contain pre-recorded video and audio instructions.
- **Some lessons may be streamed live by the teachers.**

Exam Classes (Year 11)

We are still receiving and processing detailed information, although as previously announced there will not be formal external exams this year. Instead, these will be replaced by Centre Determined Grades. These will be based on all available evidence that we hold for your child.

Year 9

Most pupils have submitted their option polls virtually. We are confident that most choices will be catered for and we will be in contact with pupils in due course to discuss the next steps. Remember, further information on each of the courses can be found on our website <https://www.cefnhengoed.net/index.php/virtual-events/year-9-virtual-options>



Years 7 & 8

Thank you to Year 7 and 8 pupils for their increased engagement in online lessons. It is really pleasing to see so many pupils trying their best. Keep it up!! You are making Miss Brown so happy!!

Our pastoral team have spent a great deal of time collating resources to help parents and pupils during this most distressing of times. Please visit our website to explore the vast range of information available - <https://www.cefnhengoed.net/index.php/covid-19-information> You will find information regarding wellbeing support, mental health advice, parental guidance and Welsh Government guidance. Remember, if you do not find the support you are looking for, please contact us either via phone or email and one of our experienced pastoral team will get back to you.

We are doing all in our power as a school to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by this unprecedented situation we find ourselves in. By working together, we can give every child the best opportunity to succeed. As always, I send my warmest wishes to you all. We will endeavour to support you and your family in any way we can.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C D Bale'.

C D Bale
Headteacher