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Dear parent / carer

We are writing to update you on the current arrangements following Welsh Government's confirmation that a limited number of learners will return to school after the February half-term.

We have been working closely with primary schools to plan the safe return of Foundation Phase pupil in a phased, flexible and progressive way from February 22, with a view to all these pupils being back in school by March 5 at the latest.

Subject to further confirmation, a small number of secondary and college learners may also return at the same time, for example, schools and colleges who work together on linked courses will continue to collaborate to meet learners needs.

Secondary schools and PRUs will continue to provide access to onsite education provision for:

- vulnerable learners
- critical worker's children (aged 12 and under)
- learners undertaking essential exams or assessments

Please note children who are clinically extremely vulnerable (shielding) should not attend school until at least March 31 and will continue to learn from home.

All other pupils will also continue to learn from home for the time being. Welsh Government have stated that the return to face-to-face learning for all other school pupils will be planned over a longer timeframe. As soon as we have any further updates we will be in touch.

Your school will continue to support you with remote learning, we have seen some excellent work being carried out over the last few weeks, and we would like to thank you for cooperation and support on this, we know it is not easy. If you have any issues, please discuss these with your school directly.

Please remember Wales is still in the highest level of restrictions and we must all follow the Welsh Government guidance to reduce the spread of the virus and 'stay at home'. It is extremely important that we all continue to follow the guidance around hand-washing, social distancing and face coverings. We cannot reiterate how important this is to reduce transmission within our communities.

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If you or your child or anyone else living in your household has any of the Covid-19 symptoms, you must immediately self-isolate and get tested. It is also important that you inform your school if your child tests positive.

For all the latest information on schools including a comprehensive list of FAQs please visit our website carmarthenshire.gov.wales/education and follow @CarmsCouncil on Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you once again for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely Yn gywir

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