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Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the majority of parents/carers for following our COVID arrangements to promote social distancing around school via our one-way system.

As we approach further restrictions from 6pm on Thursday night it is now more important than ever that we follow our new lockdown procedures as closely as possible. Attached to this letter there is a reminder of the times that you are expected to arrive and depart with your children at the beginning and the end of the day.

Some classes are reporting to me that the 08:45 starters are not arriving until after 9:00am, which means they are missing 15 minutes a day of their education which we are desperately trying to catch up on. Early evidence is showing us that many pupils have lost a lot of ground during the previous lockdown and we can't afford to lose any more time from their education. It makes it very difficult for teachers when they have to start the day with half a class.

Please stick to the times that you have been given for the beginning and the end of the day as the timings ensure that all pupils are getting their full entitlement of teaching time. No pupil can afford to miss a single minute of their education at this difficult time.

If schools have to close again and we return to online learning, many pupils will suffer. Therefore, this moment in time is crucial for narrowing the gap of the last six months.

Also attached to this letter is correspondence received direct from the Education Department in the Welsh Government sent to us from our own director of Education. Please read it carefully as we have been told to expect police spot checks to ensure social distancing. Anyone appearing to flout these rule could be subject to government fines.

Finally, in general we are really pleased with the smooth start to term and are very grateful to parents and pupils for their help and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Davies

Headteacher

