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Cyngor Bwrdeisdref Sirol

Blaenau Gwent

County Borough Council

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: COVID Update - April 2022

As part of the Welsh Government's plan for living with COVID, you will have seen over the past few weeks a phased and cautious approach to the lifting of any remaining legal COVID measures. This has been replaced with public health guidance and a more advisory approach. Only a few specific measures now remain in relation to health and social care settings.

This new approach also includes schools and education and means that our schools no longer need to operate within the Welsh Government's Schools Infection Control Framework. Schools will instead revert to normal public health guidance, which includes all communicable diseases and not just COVID.

Good ventilation, hand hygiene and cleaning continue to be effective safeguards against COVID and any communicable disease, and these are likely to remain an important part of the school day. Whilst the use of face coverings is no longer mandatory, these can be worn as a matter of personal choice. Also, for the time being asymptomatic testing will continue in Special School settings as we look to continue to protect those most vulnerable.

The top priority for the Council and our schools over the past two years has always been to consider the safety of our pupils and staff, and to minimise disruption to learning as much as possible. A close working relationship between the Council and Headteachers has been key to this and has meant that we have been able to make joint decisions and have maintained a common and united approach here in Blaenau Gwent.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, carers and guardians for your support and understanding as we have navigated our way through these unprecedented and challenging times and its impact on our children and young people.

Best Wishes and please stay safe,



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