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Pennaeth - Melanie Ferron-Evans B.A.(Joint Hons) MSc. N.P.Q.H - Headteacher

26th March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Keep in Touch Letter 5 **All students – Return to school date** **Wednesday, 14th April 2021**

I am delighted to inform you that **all** year groups will return to Ysgol Rhiwabon on Wednesday, 14th April following the Easter Holiday and Ruabon Cluster Training Days.

The last two weeks have been extremely positive as we have welcomed different year groups back. Staff have been happy to meet their classes again and teach face to face. We are really looking forward to the rest of the academic year.

In the lead up to Easter the students have displayed excellent behaviour and it has been clear how much they value being back together with their peers.

We will be keeping all our health and safety Covid-19 procedures in place, including newer guidance about face coverings. Staff and students are very used to these by now and the learners support staff by following procedures in a mature manner. As Covid cases in the local area and Wales continue to be monitored we will review our own policy in school, relaxing where we can in the later weeks of the summer term of Welsh Government Guidance allows.

Uniform and Equipment

To support a positive start on Wednesday, 14th April please could I ask our families to support us by checking uniform and equipment. **On the first day back everyone needs to be wearing full school uniform, including the correct footwear.** (PE lessons/kit will start on Thursday, 15th April. Every student needs a bag and the correct equipment as outlined on the school website and in planners.

The Canteen – ParentPay Account

As you are aware Wrexham Council is moving to a new online payment system from 14th April which means the canteen will no longer accept cash or cheques from students from this date and you will not be able to credit dinner accounts through the current online payment system.

We delayed the launch of ParentPay at Ysgol Rhiwabon to provide our families with more time to adapt to this new system. Activation emails have now been sent out to parents and the supporting information is also on our website. An account will need to be activated for students and money should be pre-paid onto this in order to obtain food from the canteen

after the Easter holiday. An account still needs to be activated if your child is entitled to free school meals and then the money will be credited automatically.

I would like to conclude the latest Keep in Touch Letter by thanking all our staff for their commitment to our students during the lockdown from December. Thank you to all of you as well for the positive way that you have supported your child/children and engaged with school in such different circumstances to normal.

On behalf of the Staff and Governors, I would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Easter holiday.

With warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Ferron-Evans', with a decorative flourish underneath.

M Ferron-Evans
Headteacher

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