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To: Parent/Carer

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Yddiad/Date: July 2020

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Online Check-in Sessions

As you know, schools across Wales welcomed students back on 29th June, offering opportunities for them to "check-in and catch up" with their teachers and re-familiarise themselves with school settings and routines before the end of the summer term.

As lockdown is lifted, we look forward to once again being able to teach learners in schools. However, arrangements remain uncertain and it is likely that education will continue to be delivered via a blend of school and online teaching into the autumn term. The Inclusion Team has been working to find new ways to provide continuity of service both now and in September, and, while social distancing remains in place, we are pleased to be able to offer access to Instrumental and Vocal Music Lessons, support for Pupils with English as an Additional Language, Gypsy Traveller and Minority Ethnic pupils, and Special Tuition through online sessions.

To ensure that online sessions are safe for your child, teachers will use Microsoft Teams via the Welsh Government's secure Hwb platform, rather than an external provider software, to deliver live lessons via the internet from a designated and appropriate teaching space in their own homes.

The attached policy covers the safeguarding protocols and operational requirements for both staff and parents. Please can you read this carefully. Should you wish your child to take up the opportunity of online check-in sessions, please could you sign, date and return the consent form to the Team Leader as soon as possible.

We hope that you will engage with this opportunity for continuity of learning.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Bowen

Inclusion Manager

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