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Dear Parent / Carer,

We do hope you were able to spend some quality time with your families over the Easter period. If you are fortunate enough to have a garden, I'd imagine it is being put to good use. Long may this weather continue

Generally many of our students have settled back into a basic routine for schooling over the last few days. We have been waiting for further guidance from national bodies with regard to the rationalisation of schools' provision of learning experiences, and this guidance has now come through. At the heart of the proposed rationalisation is the mental and physical wellbeing of our students, and so, as that remains our highest priority at Castell Alun, we are more than happy to comply with the advice given.

Please find attached a Castell Alun Continuation of Learning Plan relevant to your son / daughter. Essentially over the coming few days we will migrate to a 4 x 30 minutes (maximum) learning experience day, which will not focus particularly on the acquisition of new knowledge, rather the development and practice of skills relevant to all subjects being studied, and also seek to encourage students to remain healthy in every way possible.

We feel that moving over to this new model will help all members of the school family over the coming weeks as we no longer find the 5 x 60 minute lesson day appropriate in the current climate. Although teething problems are to be expected, and eventually further changes may be necessary to our practice, we are happy to commend the new model to you. Please take the opportunity to read the document as it not only sets out a context, defining key roles, but also provides both a specific weekly flexible recommendation for your child and a suggested schedule for a 'normal' school day also.

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Best wishes,

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