



16th December 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

The first term is drawing to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in what have been challenging circumstances. Builders are still on site, but not as many, and there is just the Astro turf to finish. This has been delayed due to the weather and the late delivery of materials. Hopefully it will be ready for January 2022.

Unfortunately, the developing COVID situation has curtailed our end of term (letter sent earlier this week) and many of our planned activities. Despite all the distractions and interferences there has been a can-do attitude throughout our school. It has been great to see students involved again in many varied extra-curricular clubs this autumn term, and we also welcomed the return of inter-school activities. We sincerely hope that these can continue in January 2022.

Latest communications with Welsh Government and Flintshire County Council now indicate that all students will return to school on Monday 10th January 2022, after 2 'Planning and Preparation' days for school staff to ensure a safe and purposeful environment for all learners during further times of national challenge.

We have also been requested by Welsh Government to remind parents / carers that students should take two LFD tests before returning to school and then continue with twice weekly testing throughout January. To keep up to date with what is happening in school, including latest announcements, please visit our website at Castellalun.com or follow @castellalun on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. All latest updates will be shared via these platforms.

Finally, may I thank you for supporting our positive school ethos and helping us to maintain high standards. These are achieved by ensuring that students are well presented in their uniform, properly equipped for lessons and ready to learn. Below is my online Christmas reflection, which replaced our usual whole school assembly due to COVID restrictions. [click here for Christmas message](#)

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2022.
Nadolig Llawen.

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Colin Ellis (Headteacher)