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Good afternoon.

I hope that everyone has had a good first week back? I would like to say that the young people of our federation have been excellent this week. The return to school has gone very well and I am so pleased that so many pupils are attending everyday.

The behaviour from those pupils who have been tested has been excellent and the testing has gone very well. You might be wondering when you are going to get your home testing kits. Some pupils will have had them already but the main delivery of testing kits came in yesterday and so we will not have them to you until Tuesday. With regards to what information you need to share with us after the home testing has started we only need to know if the test result is positive. You do not need to advise us if the result is negative.

You may be aware that Whytrig has had 2 positive test results this week and sadly some pupils had to go home and self isolate. We have no control over that decision. The PHE team advises us what has to happen and we follow their advice.

With regards to the wearing of masks again the pupils have been very good in this and I would like to thank them for that. No one really likes wearing the masks but everyone is doing their best in this regard.

I am aware that for some pupils there was a lot of anxiety around coming back which is totally understandable. Most pupils have made a great return but if you child is struggling or you have some concerns please do let us know so that we can try and help them.

For our year 11 and 13 parents we hope to have the initial plans for what is happening in the summer with regard to the exam replacements shared with you by the end of next week. We will make every effort to keep it as simple as possible and as fair as possible. As I say more details will follow soon.

The best thing about this week has been having the young people back in the schools. No staff member enjoys remote learning. We like teaching the pupils face to face and in a classroom. We know that things are not normal at the moment but they are a lot better now that we are back in school. Once again many thanks to everyone who has made the return to school go so well.

We have two weeks left of this term so it is very important that we make use of every opportunity to learn and also ensure that we follow all our Covid secure rules and practices. I would be very grateful if you could keep reinforcing this with your children.

I hope you all have a great weekend and as always please keep safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Barnes'.

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher