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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that my message finds you all well as the school continues to be closed during lockdown period. The Head teacher's meeting with the Local Authority yesterday confirmed that we have now moved from the *Response Phase* of the pandemic to the *Recovery Phase*. While there is still a long way to go, the 5 Guiding Principles set out by Welsh Government for a safe return to school is gradually being introduced.

I fully appreciate the efforts that you have made during this time by continuing your child/ren's education at home. I hope that the guidance activities set online by the teachers have been useful and assisted this distance learning - and also provided a structure during the day. I have asked teachers to contact you directly every two weeks, to offer you support and to maintain contact – feedback from this by parents and teachers thus far has been very positive.

Most importantly, I very much hope that this contact ensures that your child/ren realise how very important they are to their teachers and will assist with their gradual transition back to school. The contact will also be an opportunity to discuss the successes and challenges you face. From this, the staff will be able to tweak the activities they are sending out or assist with the barriers that you are facing. Welsh Government announced yesterday that they will be supporting our learners who are having difficulties accessing online – I will keep you updated on this as more information is provided.

The school continues to be used as an emergency childcare Community Hub for supporting key workers. Johnstown staff continue to take a key role in this and Governors are very proud of the work they have carried out to support the children from across Carmarthen and the NHS.

The Local Authority will be providing an update on the situation in the near future – I will forward this to you. In the meantime, keep yourselves safe and I hope that I can send you more positive news soon. A special thank you to pupils from across the school who have sent well wishes to staff – it made us all smile!

Kind regards

Kevin McComas
Head teacher