



Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been advised by Public Health Wales that unfortunately there have been further confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school. The confirmed cases affect students in **Year 7 and 11**. All cases reported by the school so far are not cluster spread cases within the school due to our strict risk assessment and robust health and safety measures.

Following both Welsh Government and Local Authority guidance, as a precautionary measure, students in the following form classes have been identified as close contacts and are therefore asked to self-isolate.

- **Year 7 ALU** isolate from Friday 13th November and **return on Thursday 26th November**
- **Year 7 GOF** isolate from Wednesday 18th November and **return on Tuesday 1st December**
- **Year 11 LUCH and notified option classes** isolate from Wednesday 18th November and **return on Monday 30th November**

The duration of isolation is important to monitor any development of symptoms. **All identified students are expected to return to school on the specified dates above** unless they have been directly contacted by the school, Track and Trace or develop symptoms at a later date. **Once a positive test has been confirmed, Track and Trace issue the school with the isolation dates and required duration of isolation which is then acted upon immediately by the school.**

The process of testing and contact tracing is part of the new normal where schools are required to follow the guidance accordingly as part of the Test, Trace and Protect strategy adopted by the Welsh Government. **When students are required to isolate, students are not allowed to leave their homes for any reason other than for a test if required.** It is vital that the isolation period is strictly followed to stop the virus spreading to other people.

The school remains open for all other students not required to isolate. Please be assured that, if one child is sent home as they have been identified as a contact of a positive case for Covid-19, there is **no need** for any siblings to self-isolate. The only time all children in a family need to self-isolate is if a member of the immediate household develops symptoms and subsequently has a positive test. Please can I reassure you that we will continue to be vigilant in adhering to all the guidelines so that we can keep all members of the school community safe. The health and safety of everyone is of paramount importance and we appreciate your full support during these difficult times.

All students will be able to access work via Teams following their normal school timetables to ensure continuity of learning at home. We look forward to seeing students on their return dates. Please contact the school should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Francis