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Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

I'm writing to update you on the situation regarding Coronavirus and its possible effect on the running of the school in the future.

We are operating in accordance with formal guidance from the Local Authority and the Welsh Government and, at present, this guidance means that schools remain open. However, it seems as though the situation is changing daily and therefore this guidance could change.

The health and safety of our learners, school staff and the extended community around us remain a high priority and we will be monitoring the situation closely over the next few days. We have already implemented many changes to reduce the risk, including procedures relating to hygiene, minimising the movement of individuals, avoiding unnecessary meetings and limiting the number of visitors and arranged visits.

The latest advice states that pupils should stay at home for 14 days if they or any member of their closest family display symptoms of a cough and/or fever.

We are currently in the process of planning a system which would enable us to continue to teach pupils remotely, if the school had to be closed. These plans would be implemented mainly through access to online materials and they therefore rely on having reliable access at home. I kindly ask you to contact us immediately if you do not have suitable access, for us to put alternative arrangements in place.

We will provide weekly Work Programmes for each pupil and resources will be distributed via online platforms:

'Show My Homework' : every pupil and parent need to ensure they have access to this and please get in touch with us if you have any problems.

Hwb - through Hwb you can gain access to **Google Classroom** where teachers will be able to set, receive and return work. You should check immediately that every pupil has the necessary passwords to gain access.

All learners following GCSE courses need access to the **'GCSE PODS'** online resources and the **'Tanio'** Science revision packages; please ensure they have the relevant login details. There are several other valuable online revision websites such as **BBC Bitesize** and **Mathemateg.com**

In the meantime, we will continue to communicate with you regularly using our usual methods and, if possible, may we suggest you also follow our Twitter account **@DavidHughesYDH**

For further advice and guidance, please use the following:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

<https://phw.nhs.wales>

If you have any other concerns or enquiries, please contact the school in the usual way.

Yours sincerely

HEADTEACHER