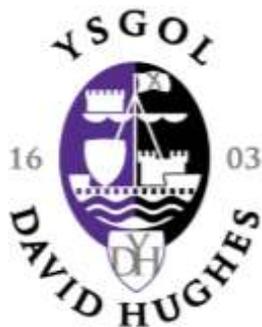


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## Coronavirus

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following the recent announcement regarding the social distancing of those who are at increased risk of severe illness from Coronavirus (COVID-19), I would like to set out what this means for **Ysgol David Hughes**.

In light of these guidelines we have identified a significant number of staff that are highly vulnerable.

In the interests of the health and wellbeing of our staff, pupils and our wider community I believe we now have no alternative but to **close the school to all KS3 pupils (Years 7, 8 and 9) with effect from tomorrow morning, Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will continue to be **OPEN to all KS4 and KS5 pupils (Years 10, 11, 12 and 13)** and to **KS3** pupils who have parents in the Health Authority (Nurses, Doctors, Care Workers, Children of school staff, etc.) as well as the Emergency Services (Police, Ambulance, Fire Service etc.) We will also continue to be open to pupils who receive **Free School Meals**.

Following today's announcement by the Education Minister, the school site will be **closed** from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** to **all** pupils until further notice. Our staff will continue to work and will be setting and marking pupil's assignments, mainly on-line. We appreciate that this is not the same as face-to face contact, but please be reassured that we will do all that we can to support our pupils through this difficult time.

We are aware that discussions are currently taking place at a national level with awarding bodies, to agree on clear procedures for dealing with missed coursework or examinations as a result of school closures. We anticipate that appropriate arrangements will be made to ensure that young people are not disadvantaged. Once further clarification is received we will of course keep you informed.

In the meantime, we do appreciate that the decision to close the school will have profound effects for many of our families, and I thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation with this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Emyr Williams'.

**HEADTEACHER**