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16th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to give you an update regarding issues surrounding the Covid-19 Coronavirus situation.

The school continues to work normally and in accordance with the latest advice from Public Health Wales and the Welsh Government. This is a fast moving situation however, and this guidance may change at short notice.

Please take note of the following Welsh Government guidance regarding self-isolation.

Symptoms of illness

It is requested that anyone who develops a temperature or new continuous cough to self-isolate for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means all staff and pupils are now required to stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms. The advice is that in such circumstances people do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation, but if their symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days they should contact NHS 111 or online at 111.nhs.uk.

I ask that you please follow this advice and contact the school immediately should the above apply to your child. Unauthorised absences will not apply in these circumstances.

School closure

We are mindful that school closures may be very likely in the coming weeks. To prepare for such an eventuality, we are in the process of producing online and hard copies of learning material for all year groups, including revision material for GCSE classes. Details of how pupils can access this work will be produced in due course. All internet enabled devices, including tablets and mobile phones will be able to access the online material. Please notify the school if it will not be possible for your child to access this work online.

GCSE examinations

WJEC and the other examining boards are monitoring the situation and we will be advised of any changes to the current schedule. In the meantime, we continue to prepare pupils for the exams as normal.

School events

Based on current advice to all schools, the following have been postponed until further notice –

- 17th March – Eisteddfod Dawns yr Urdd
- 20th March – Eisteddfod Uwchradd yr Urdd



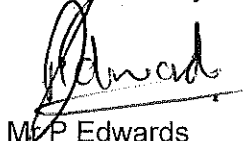
- 21st March – Eisteddfod Sir - Cynradd
- 25th March – Year 10 Parents Evening
- 26th March – Primary school Numeracy competition
- 26th March Rotary Technology Visit
- 2nd April – Certificate/Prize Evening
- 3rd April – Urdd Glanllyn trip
- 29th April – School Spring Concert
- 29th April – Urdd 'Celf a Chrefft'

School trips

The Foreign Office and Department of Education strongly advises against any school visits abroad. Based on this, we have sadly cancelled the planned trips to Austria and Belgium. We are in consultation with the travel companies regarding refunds or possible re-scheduling. The English Department visit to Stratford in June has also been cancelled.

We will continue to review the changing situation, and will keep you updated with developments. I wish you well during this difficult time, and thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Edwards
Headteacher