

16th March 2020

Dear parents/carers

Following on from my letter to you on Friday 13th March I am writing to update you regarding the school's response to the Coronavirus, changes in advice and planned events at Llanwern High School.

At time of writing, school will be open as usual this week. Should this change, I will inform you as soon as possible.

In line with the latest advice, if any child or adult have either a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough they should not come to school and should self-isolate for 7 days. Please note that any pupil absence from school, as a result of self-isolation, will not generate any process that could lead to a fixed penalty notice. However, it would be helpful to be informed if you have chosen to keep your child at home due to displaying symptoms and/or the decision to isolate.

Please also see guidance from Public Health Wales.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

As mentioned in my previous letter, we will continue to promote good hygiene and encourage pupils to regularly wash their hands at break and lunchtimes. The school is continuing to prioritising cleaning throughout the school paying particular attention the high risk area such as the toilet facilities, door handles etc.

The use of fingerprints to purchase food and drink will continue today with the fingerprint plate being wiped after each use with antibacterial cleaner. As of tomorrow (Tuesday 17th March), the use of the fingerprints will be suspended and instead, pupils will need to give their names at the tills so their accounts can be charged accordingly.

As of Monday 23rd March the use of money in the canteen to top up a dinner card is also being suspended. Parents are asked to use Parentpay to add money to their child's account. If you are unable to access Parentpay, please contact Mrs Dobson on (01633) 415266 or email rdobson@llanwernhigh.org who will assist you with this.

As you will understand this is an unprecedented situation for the school. In light of the rapidly changing situation and to protect our pupils, families and staff, I have taken the decision to postpone all of the following:

- Trips
- Year group assemblies
- Year 11 Parent Engagement day 1st April
- Any organisation planned to deliver a session at school
- Governing body meetings

In addition, we will be aiming to reduce the number of people accessing the school building. Therefore, parents/carers are kindly asked not to enter the school building unless there is an emergency. If you need to contact a member of staff, please do so via telephone or email. We have also postponed all school lettings for the meantime.

We continue to follow the local authority and national guidelines in regard to communication about the virus and health & safety practices; should there be any further information I will of course continue to update you as soon as I receive it.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs T. Jarvis
Headteacher