

17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Prime Minister's broadcast last night I would like to confirm that if your child or a member of the household have developed either a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough the whole household should self-isolate for **14 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.

Currently, the school remains open for all year groups. However, the situation need to be reviewed daily. If in the event of extreme staff shortages, it becomes necessary to consider closure, I will do all that I can to secure a partial closure in the first instance. Any decision to close full or partially, will be communicated to you as soon as practically possible.

We understand that the new measures are worrying, particularly for those pupils in years 11 and 13 who are preparing for their exams. Please be reassured that we are in constant communication with the exam board and as soon as we have any further information regarding exams we will let you know. As it stands, the current communication from the exam board has not changed, exams will go ahead as planned.

To ensure that we are prepared for any eventualities we are working on gathering resources for all pupils, this includes hard copies of past papers for year 11 and electronic support material, revision notes and web links for all year groups on Google Classroom. Pupils are being taken through the process of how to use Google Classroom during form time, along with checking their usernames and passwords during IT lessons. If parents/carers would like to support pupils with Google Classroom, but have never used it before, please see the guide for parents.

<http://www.llanwernhighschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Parents-Guide-to-Google-Classroom.pdf>

With regards to the Sixth Form collaboration lessons, we have suspended transport for the current time and are working closely with Caerleon High School to ensure pupils are supported remotely with resources instead of travelling between sites.

In my previous communication I mentioned that all trips would be cancelled. Please note the following updates regarding planned trips at Llanwern:

- **Drama trip 'A Monster Calls', 30th April** – currently the WMC theatre is closed to the public
- **Year 9 residential trip, 22nd May** – currently no plans to cancel from the tour operator
- **Year 8 Paris trip, 10th July** – currently no plans to cancel from the tour operator

As the government have suggested that we should take measures to reduce non-essential contact, we have suspended all extra-curricular clubs for the current time.

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs T. Jarvis
Headteacher