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Dear Parent/Carer

Unfortunately, we have had a confirmed case of Covid-19 with one of our learners in Year 9.

This means that in line with guidance from Welsh Government and Newport City Council all children in that year group cannot be in school and need to self-isolate for 14 days.

Year 9 learners now need to remain at home for 14 days as a precautionary measure in order to reduce the possible spread of the virus to family, friends and the wider community. The date all Year 9 learners can come out of isolation is the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, but as this is an INSET day, they will return to school on 4<sup>th</sup> January at their normal time. In the meantime home learning will be provided to all Year 9 learners to the end of term.

If your child displays any Covid-19 symptoms, parents/carers should request a test via <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-10-test> and notify the school. Anyone wishing to apply for a test can also call the free number 119 between the hours of 7.00 am and 11.00 pm. People with hearing or speech difficulties can call 18001 119.

A focus clean is taking place and all other year groups (who can) will continue to attend school as planned. There is no need for anyone who is not contacted to self-isolate or be unduly concerned.

Everyone is encouraged to remain alert to Covid-19 and continue to follow national guidance to help combat the spread of the virus. Please remind your child about the importance of social distancing outside of school and wearing a face mask when in communal areas of the school.

School staff remain vigilant to pupils displaying symptoms and are ready to take appropriate action. Parents and carers can support this by remaining alert and ensuring that children do not attend school if they develop any potential symptoms, however mild.

Please be assured that we continue to do everything within our control to minimize risk in order to keep your child safe and well whilst in school.

Best wishes

Mrs T Jarvis  
Headteacher