

St Mary's & St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Y Santes Fair A'r Sant Padrig



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As a Governing Body, we wanted to communicate with you as our parents, to reassure you and advise that we have been in discussion with the Headteacher and local authority ahead of the decision to close the school on Monday. We fully support the decision that has been made.

You'll be aware there has been a worrying rise in positive cases of coronavirus in all parts of the Llynfi Valley which has increasingly been affecting schools. It was almost inevitable that our school would be affected at some point and it became obvious on Monday that the school would be unable to operate safely as a result of a number of cases in pupils and staff members needing to self-isolate.

Closing the school to pupils is always a last resort and we understand the difficulties it causes in particular for working parents. However, we are well placed to be able to provide online learning resources which all of our children can access and teachers can support remotely.

Though these are uncertain times, we do hope you are able to enjoy Christmas.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Phillips', written over a horizontal line.

The Governing Body of St Mary's and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School