



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus transmission within the communities of the Llynfi Valley is rising rapidly with many of our schools affected by this illness, resulting in many classes having to isolate. We have had confirmation by Bridgend County Borough Council that schools will now close to physical learning on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, with online learning taking place for the remaining 2 days, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Year 12 and Year 13 across the county borough will move to online learning from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

Welsh Government have changed the isolation period for confirmed cases and contacts from 14 days to 10 days from the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

As we enter the final few days of the school term we wanted to share factual information regarding dates of confirmed cases and being classed as a close contact and when isolating periods will end.

<b><i>If your child tests positive or classed as a contact and identified by Test and Trace</i></b>	<b><i>Isolation will end</i></b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December

Schools will continue to work with Test and Trace over the Christmas Period and you may still be contacted after the end of term if Test and Trace or your child's school identify your child as a close contact.

We require you to work with us by informing us of any positive cases up until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December by contacting: **07704981687** so Test and Trace can be informed and all possible contacts be reached.

Christmas is a magical time of the year. A time where families come together to celebrate and spend time together. This year will be markedly different. Some of you may not have seen family members for many months or been able to see both grandparents. Welsh Government guidelines allow for three households to bubble up for a short period over Christmas. We know from talking to colleagues and parents, we are all looking forward to this happening.



We want our school communities, pupils, parents, staff and governors to have a relaxed, special but most importantly a safe Christmas as is allowed under the current guidance.

Therefore, can we ask you to ensure that we maintain good social distancing, good hand hygiene, wearing a mask at pick up and drop off times and follow the guidelines set by Welsh Government outside of school as we don't want to be in the situation where we have to contact families and staff, informing them they are a close contact and asking them to self-isolate over the Christmas Period.

Thank you for your help in doing all we can – together - to keep ourselves and others safe.

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