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Covid 19 Symptoms and Track, Trace and Protect.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter tells you what to do if you or your child displays symptoms of Covid 19. Please read this letter carefully – we are following strict guidance to ensure that our school can remain open wherever possible.

You **must not** send your child to school if:

- They display **any one** of these symptoms of Covid 19:
 - A **new**, continuous cough
 - High temperature
 - Loss of taste and smell
 - Vomiting or diarrhoea (This is often an early symptom in children)
- They have a brother or sister who has symptoms
- Anyone else in the house has any symptoms- mum, dad, or anyone who lives with you.
- If you have been contacted by the Track, Trace and Protect team to tell you and your family to self-isolate.

If you are in doubt, please do not give them medication and send them to school, this may mask the symptoms. We have to do everything to minimise the risk of transmission.

If your child displays symptoms, please :

- Contact the school to let us know straight away
- Book a Covid19 test. <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-19-test> or telephone **119**. This is a free number.

Children and siblings **must** stay at home until the result of the test is known.

If the test is **negative**- your child and any brothers or sisters can return to school.

If the test is **positive**:

- The person displaying symptoms must stay at home for 10 days from the day the symptoms started.
- Everyone else in the house must self-isolate for 14 days.
- You will be contacted by the Track, Trace and Protect Team to see who you have been in contact with.
- The class your child is in may need to self-isolate for 14 days. Public Health Wales will advise on this on a case by case basis.

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If a child becomes unwell in school and shows symptoms:

- They will come out of their class and move to the front office.
- A member of staff will stay with them. Staff will wear PPE.
- You will be contacted to come and collect them straight away. (Please make sure we have up to date contact details and an alternative if you are not available.)
- You will need to book a Covid19 test for your child. <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-19-test> or telephone **119**. This is a free number.
- Your child and any siblings **must not** return to school until the outcome of the test is known.

If the test is **negative**- they can return to school.

If the test is **positive**:

- The school will be advised by Public Health Wales / Track, Trace and Protect as to whether a class needs to self-isolate.
- It may be necessary to close a class for 14 days due to self-isolation. If this happens we will provide home learning using our Learning Platforms and packs of work.

We want to avoid wherever possible having to close a class. It is imperative therefore that you follow the guidance and **do not** send your child if there are any symptoms of Covid 19.

If a member of staff tests positive for Covid19:

- They will not be able to be in school for 10 days from the start of symptoms
- We will follow advice from Public Health Wales/ Track, Trace and Protect, but it is likely that the class bubble will have to self-isolate for 14 days.

A notification to close a class or to self-isolate may come at short notice. We will do our very best to notify you in good time but this may not always be possible.

We appreciate that having to self-isolate may cause issues with child care. However, as a school we are following a National Strategy and must adhere to the guidance in order to prevent further spread of the virus. We thank you for working with us to keep our children and school community safe.

This guidance is subject to change following updates from Welsh Government and the Local Authority. We will tell you when any changes occur.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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