

Queen Elizabeth High School Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth



8/10/20

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We have been informed that individual pupils at our school have tested positive for COVID-19. We would like to reassure you that there is no immediate cause for concern and provide you with as much information as possible.

We are working closely with Carmarthenshire County Council and NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect (TTP), and are following all the advice and guidance provided to us.

As a precaution we are now asking that **all pupils in Year 11** self-isolate for 14 days from last contact, which means that Year 11 pupils can return to school on **Tuesday 20th October 2020**, providing they are symptom free and no one in the household is symptomatic/positive.

We are also asking that **pupils in Year 10, and those pupils who catch the C14 bus, self-isolate for 48 hours**. During this time the TTP team will contact any individuals who need to isolate further, if you are not contacted in this time then you will be safe to return to school on Monday 12th October 2020, providing they are symptom free and no one in the household is symptomatic/positive.

As a school we will be setting work online via Google Classroom for our pupils to ensure continuity in their education. If you require any of the classroom codes for your child please contact us at the school.

At this time there is no need for anyone else in the household to self-isolate, and you can continue as normal (however if your child becomes symptomatic, the whole household would then need to self-isolate).

This process of testing and contact tracing is part of the 'new normal' and where schools follow these guidelines carefully, there is no cause for alarm.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you, your child or anyone you live with, begins to display the following symptoms you must all stay at home and follow advice from Public Health Wales:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change in your normal sense of taste or smell.

If your child becomes unwell outside of school hours, with or without any of the COVID-19 symptoms or needs to self-isolate, please report this to us by calling Delta Wellbeing on 0300 333 2222 or by emailing TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk who will notify the school on your behalf.

During school hours and for all other health-related issues please inform your school directly.

If you or your child feels unwell and you need medical advice, please phone NHS 111 or visit their website 111.wales.nhs.uk, or call your local GP.

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It is important that we all remain vigilant and maintain social distancing and continue to wash our hands frequently to prevent the spread of the virus as much as we can.

We hope that the information we've provided is reassuring and helpful during what we appreciate can be an anxious time. As always, we appreciate your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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