

17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to keep you informed of the current situation regarding Covid-19.

Current Advice

You may have seen the Prime Minister on the news yesterday afternoon and should be aware that the advice has now changed:

If you or anyone in your household has a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough, even if mild:

- **Everyone in the household should stay at home for 14 days and keep away from others.**
- **Do not go to the GP, pharmacy or hospital.**
- **Go to [nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) to check symptoms and follow their specialist advice. Only call 111 if symptoms worsen.**
- **Protect older and vulnerable people by avoiding contact.**

If you have informed us that your child is self-isolating, you only need to inform us on the first day of absence. They then need to be kept off school for **14 days**.

We will contact parents to collect their children if they are displaying any of the symptoms listed above. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Planning

As stated in my previous letter, there is no directive currently to close schools, and we will continue to remain open until directed otherwise. However, this may change if staffing levels are not sufficient or key staff are not able to attend work. We will be monitoring the number of staff and pupils in the school daily, along with kitchen staff, caretakers etc. to ensure everyone is kept safe.

If the decision is taken to close school, I will give parents as much notice as possible. If this happens, please rest assured it will not be a decision that is taken lightly but will have been given lots of thought and will ultimately be to protect the children.

In the meantime, we are currently creating packs of work to send home with the children so they can continue with their learning at home. These will be sent out over the coming days and should be put to one side- just in case!

In the event of an extended closure, teachers will be able to communicate via Class Dojo and the website, or you may be sent links to online resources via the texting service.

Many thanks and stay safe,

Mrs Burke