



# Ysgol Tanyfron

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## Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to thank parents/guardians for their understanding regarding the postponement of parents evening this week. I wish to keep you all updated on a number of matters which were highlighted in my correspondence yesterday along with new information regarding school procedures as of today.

### Coronavirus / Covid-19 Symptoms and Current Information/guidance

The most common symptoms of Coronavirus / Covid-19 are recent onset of –

- New continuous 'dry' cough and/or
- High temperature/fever
- Breathing difficulties

Key messages and update –

- **If you or someone you live with has a 'new, continuous' cough or a high temperature, you should all stay at home for 14 days.**
- This action will help protect others within the local community whilst you are infectious.
- Plan ahead and ask family/friends to help get the 'items' you need to stay at home.
- Stay at least 2 meters (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home wherever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.

Following updated guidance yesterday by the government, can we please ask that all families who have been advised to self-isolate or have voluntarily gone into self-isolation please remain in isolation for the allocated period (14 days) and not return to school any sooner unless given clear medical information it is safe to do so.

Can we also remind parents/guardians of general hygiene related issues around school at this difficult time. Ysgol Tanyfron is a 'smokefree' site along with the immediate area. Can we please ask parents/guardians to refrain from smoking where possible and to discard of any cigarette ends within a designated bin. Can I also remind parents/guardians that dogs are not allowed on school grounds even if being 'carried'. This includes all parts of the school site including the field and forest school area.

### Managing of mass gatherings

Whilst we appreciate, we are not the biggest primary school in the county there are still a number of times when parents/guardians will gather throughout the school day. Can we politely ask that from tomorrow (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January) parents/guardians do not gather by the main school gates between 08.45 and 08.55am. We also ask that parents/guardians do not arrive at school before 2.50pm to collect their child(ren). As we have done on days of bad weather or snow we will be looking to run a continuous end of school day procedure from 2.50pm onwards of all

family members to minimise gatherings. Therefore, can we ask that you leave the school grounds promptly on collection of your child(ren)

### **School Trips and Sporting Events**

I can confirm that unfortunately all sporting events have been cancelled for the near future. These include the annual swimming gala, key stage 2 football and netball events. We have also been informed that the Urdd organisation will be closing the Glan-Llyn residential centre from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, resulting in our visit next week being **postponed**. At this time the local authority have stated there are no plans to reschedule the trip due to the ongoing situation, therefore school will be reimbursing all costs as soon as possible.

**At present, swimming lessons for year 3 & 4 will continue as normal until further notice.**

### **School Closures**

The current situation is that school will remain **'open'** in line with government guidelines until further notice. School continues to take daily advice from Public Health Wales and for parents/guardians wishing to keep up to date this information can be found at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus> or <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/novel-coronavirus/> or via the Wrexham County Council website who publish a daily update. ([www.wrexham.gov.uk](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk))

### **HWB Partnership Agreement**

I will be sending home with all full time pupils (Reception to Year 6) today a HWB partnership agreement form for parents/guardians **to complete and return as a matter of urgency**. All pupils have already signed a HWB agreement, which is an online tool used by schools to develop pupils Digital Competency and ICT skills. However, with the possibility of school closures, one of the proposals school will be looking at is setting work online. For this to be possible for your child(ren) we would need the latest consent form completed due to the current circumstances. *Please note – Should schools close this is only one way the local authority are discussing to provide you and your child with an educational plan.*

As stated yesterday we appreciate this communication may not answer all your queries as the situation changes very quickly, but please rest assured we are working as proactively as possible to minimise any potential risks and keep you as updated as possible. If you do have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school where we will do our best to answer your query as accurately as possible.

Yours sincerely



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