



8th October 2020

COVID-19 POSITIVE TEST CONFIRMATION

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, since our return to school, national and local guidance was issued which has resulted in a set of protocols for schools to follow in order to both reduce the spread of coronavirus within our schools setting and to keep both learners and staff safe. This guidance also sets out specific actions to be followed when the school has been informed of positive COVID-19 test results within our environment.

The protocols put in place have included regular hand washing and sanitising, increased school cleaning and each child has been kept in their own year bubble; therefore not mixing with any other classes/staff in the school with separate breaks and lunches for that specific bubble

Despite these measures, the school has been informed that your child has been in the same year group as a pupil who has tested positive for Coronavirus and is now classed as a 'close contact'. As a result, in line with the guidance, children from Year 7 must now isolate for up to 14 days and not return to school tomorrow Friday 9th October 2020.

It is only the pupils in Year 7 that must not attend school. If your child has a sibling in another class they are not classed as a 'close contact' and may continue to attend school.

Whilst we appreciate that this may difficult for you, and is not the outcome that we wanted, we need to follow the guidance set out for schools in order to keep our whole school and wider community safe.

Please note that your child does **not** require testing **unless** they begin to develop specific COVID symptoms (*cold/flu symptoms can look similar*);

- **A High Temperature**
- **Loss of Taste/Smell**
- **Continuous Cough**

You child will receive school work remotely, as they did during the recent lockdown period. We expect all children to engage in these learning activities.

We will continue to keep you updated with further information as we receive it. Please feel free to contact the school via our email with any queries you may have office@penydre.merthyr.sch.uk or telephone 01685 351845.

Please note we will not be able to provide you with any personal details regarding the member of pupil involved.

As it stands, your child will be able to return to school on **Friday 23rd October 2020**.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

K.Maher



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