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Important Update

Annwyl Rieni / Warchodwyr
Dear Parents / Carers,

We continue to follow the guidance provided by Welsh Government which is to do our best to ensure:

- everyone washes their hands with soap and water as often as is practically possible.
- everyone covers a cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throws the tissue in a bin.
- we clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces on a daily basis.

There is no need to keep children away from school if they just have a bit of a runny nose or a bit of cold, but if they clearly have a dry cough and / or a high temperature please keep them off school. Latest advice states 'The NHS will no longer be routinely testing people with Coronavirus symptoms. Instead people who have symptoms of a high temperature and / or continuous cough are required to self-isolate for 7 days'. Although the general advice is that there is no need to keep siblings away from school if they are apparently healthy, we think it is better to adopt a 'better safe than sorry' approach and keep siblings off as well.

Government advice is very clear regarding foreign travel to highest risk countries. However, we expect parents to behave responsibly and not to send children to school if they have come into contact with anyone who has recently travelled to any of the destinations which have introduced stringent measures to delay the spread of the virus.

We are advised that we do not need to take any further action unless we have a confirmed case of COVID-19. We are however, taking what we believe to be responsible steps to try to reduce any potential risks of helping the virus to spread. This means:

- we have cancelled swimming lessons for the remainder of the term
- we have cancelled any activities which involve tuition from external providers, i.e. workshops, competitions and music lessons
- we have cancelled bookings with external supply teacher agencies
- **Parents Evenings – 24th and 26th March – both cancelled**

If you would like to discuss further, please do get in touch.

Sincerely,

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