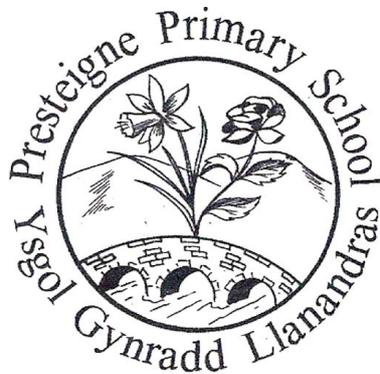


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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Covid-19 Update

We are continuing to follow the Local Authority's cautious approach to managing Covid-19 at school. We are reviewing and updating our operational plans on a weekly basis, taking into account the local infection rates and the Welsh Government guidance. We will let you know when any significant changes are implemented.

With Wales operating at Alert Level Zero and people mixing more freely outside of school, we have seen infection rates rise across the county. It is not surprising that this week, we have started to see a very small number of positive cases at school.

Whenever we get a positive case at school, Powys has asked us to assist TTP by sending the 'Warn and Inform' letter on their behalf at the earliest convenience – for both PCR and Lateral Flow confirmations. In reality, this will usually mean a 'bubble' (FP or KS2) but we also have to take into account school transport and staff cases.

The 'Warn and Inform' letter provides advice on what you should do. Unless your child develops symptoms or has a positive lateral flow or PCR test, they should continue to come to school. If cases significantly increase in one class/bubble, we expect to be advised by TTP on how to proceed. If your child has to isolate because they have a positive test result, we will get in touch with you within 24 hours of us being notified so that we can arrange to support learning at home (assuming they are well enough of course). This only applies to children who have to isolate for 10 days.

In the meantime, please remember the following:

- Children who are unwell must not come to school and especially if they have any of the 3 main Covid-19 symptoms (a new, continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell). If your child has a sickness bug, they must stay away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting.
- Please contact us at the earliest convenience to inform us if you are keeping your child off school. As you can imagine, our phone line is extremely busy first thing in the morning so please be patient. Emails are a great way to contact us, and these are picked up by office staff first thing in the morning.
- Thank you for continuing to follow distancing guidelines at the start and end of the school day. Please continue to wear face coverings when on school premises.



Finally, we would like to thank you for bearing with us during this extremely stressful time. As you can imagine, things are changing on almost a weekly basis, and so we really appreciate your patience and support. If you ever need to speak to us, please feel free to contact us. As you are all aware, we both have heavy teaching commitments, and so we may not be able to speak to you right away. We will always endeavour to do our best and call you back when we can.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Cook,  
Mrs H Palmer

