



CILFFRIW PRIMARY SCHOOL YSGOL GYNRADD CILFFRIW



Coronavirus Update

1st December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the moment, we have had no positive cases of Covid-19 in Cilffriw Primary.

This is largely due to you, our parents and carers, as you have been extremely careful to follow the guidelines, and incredibly supportive of the school. Thank you! In school, we are also being extremely cautious and are continuing to carefully follow all safety procedures. **The way we have worked together has stopped the spread of the virus into the school, protecting children, families and staff and also ensuring that we have been able to run the school with no class closures.**

Over recent days we have had a small number of children coming into school when members of their family have been displaying symptoms or are being tested – without the school being informed. **Please can I stress how important it is to keep your children home from school if any member of the household displays symptoms of Covid-19.** 712 people have now died from Covid-19 in Neath Port Talbot and I do not want that statistic to ever include any pupil, member of staff, parent or carer, or member of our extended community.

If we have a positive case in school, this will result in class closures and the loss of two weeks of education for large numbers of pupils. We owe it to our children to make sure that they have the chance to catch up on missed time in school, and that the pandemic does not have lasting effects on their education.

Do not send your children to school if any member of your household has:

- **a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).**
- **a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).**
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.**

If a member of your household has any of these symptoms, you and your children MUST self-isolate for 14 days. If a member of your household has been tested, you **MUST** provide Mrs Uzzell or Mr Quin with evidence of a negative test result before returning your child to school. These are vital measures that protect our whole community.

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Please also remember that we can stop the spread of the virus by:

- Wearing a mask when dropping children off or collecting them from school.
- Keeping 2 metres apart from parents, carers and staff members.

We are extremely grateful to all our families who are following the safety guidelines so carefully. We will all be glad to celebrate the last day of 2020! We hope and pray that 2021 will see the end of the pandemic and the return of normal life again. In the meantime, all we can do is limit the effects of the virus on our families and the education of our children.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Quin
Head Teacher