13 October 2020

Dear Staff/Learner/Parent/Carer

Coronavirus – update - Ysgol Eirias

I write to inform you of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in Year 12.

The school has been directed by the Environmental Health Office and Local Authority that all pupils in Year 12 are to self-isolate. The parents of this year group have been contacted separately by text message and will also receive a letter through the post. The young people in this group will have work provided and delivered through MS Teams.

As a school we are working incredibly hard to ensure a safe environment alongside delivering a continually positive teaching and learning curriculum experience.

Can I urge families please, especially as we approach half term, to continue to play their part in the fight against the virus; it is important that we work together to make sure that we all follow the rules that keep us safe. I am very grateful for your continued support.

Ysgol Eirias is working closely with Public Health Wales, the Local Authority and NHS Wales Test, Trace and Protect to ensure that all the appropriate measures are in place to protect learners, staff and the wider community. Contact tracing is underway and if anyone is identified as **a contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19,** a contact advisor from Test, Trace and protect will be in touch.
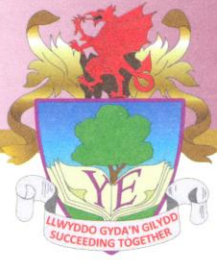
However, as a precaution, please be alert for any symptoms of COVID-19:
- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature of > 37.8°C
- A loss of, or a change to sense of smell or taste

If you develop any of these symptoms, even if they are mild:
- Book a test by phoning 119 or through the online portal: https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test
- Inform myself as the Headteacher of Ysgol Eirias that you are unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and that you have requested a test
- You should self-isolate for 10 days from when your symptoms started

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- All other household members should isolate for 14 days from when you developed symptoms. In line with national guidance please adhere to measures relevant to the family situation
- Do not visit a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital but if you require medical advice please contact NHS 111 or telephone your GP; if there is a medical emergency phone 999
- Please follow the advice provided when you receive your test result
- To reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading, there are things that everyone in your family can do to help. These include:
- washing hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- using hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash hands as soon as anyone arrives at home
- covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not their hands) when they cough or sneeze
- putting used tissues in the bin immediately and wash hands afterwards

Further information on symptoms and self-isolation can be found here https://gov.wales/symptoms-and-self-isolation-contact-tracing

Further formation on Test, Trace, Protect can be found here https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus

For general information on COVID-19 https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus

The COVID-19 online symptom checker can tell you if you need medical help and advise you what to do https://gov.wales/check-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help

Yours faithfully,

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