



Ebbw Fawr Learning Community

Cymuned Ddysgu Ebwy Fawr

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Dear Parent or Guardian

Ebbw Fawr Learning Community Secondary Phase is sorry to inform you, that a Year 11 pupil has tested positive for COVID-19, **your child/children have been identified as contacts of the positive case.** The positive case was reported to the school on Monday 30th November 2020, and the pupil was last in attendance at the school on Thursday 26th November 2020. The school has taken the necessary and appropriate action to safeguard the wellbeing of both pupils and staff.

The decisions regarding contacts and self-isolation requirements have been taken in line with current Government guidelines and in consultation with the Environmental Health Department, Public Health Wales and Blaenau Gwent Education team. The affected pupils and staff are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days, with **day one of self-isolation being Friday 27th November 2020.**

Self-isolation advice **requires that your child must stay at home,** and must not go outdoors to exercise, visit shops, family or friends, or any other public facilities/spaces. Please do not invite people into your house. Further information on self-isolation can be found in the link at the bottom of this letter.

If your child remains well, no other members of the household need to isolate and can continue with their normal activities. **The last day of the self-isolation will be Thursday 10th December 2020,** meaning that if your child is still well at the end of the 14-days, they can resume their normal activities and return to school on **Friday 11th December 2020.** Your child/children **must** be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school.

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
- washing hands as soon as they get 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 washing hands afterwards

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Please be **alert for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child**, which are:

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

If your child develops any of these symptoms, even if they are mild:

- Book a test for them by:
 - phoning 119; or,
 - accessing the online portal via the following link: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>
- Inform **the school** that they are unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and that you have requested a test
- Your child should remain in self-isolation
- All other household members should isolate for 14 days from when your child developed symptoms
- 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
- If you require medical advice for COVID-19 symptoms or another reason, please inform the healthcare worker that your child is a contact of a case of COVID-19 and in self-isolation
- Please follow the advice provided when your child receives their test result

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

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>

Online and other learning resources will be made available during this period for affected pupils.

We appreciate the concern that this may cause. Please rest assured that the school are working in partnership with the local authority's Health and Safety team, Environmental Health, Public Health Wales and the NHS Test Trace and Protect service; to ensure that Ebbw Fawr Learning Community remains as safe as possible for all users including our staff and pupils during this period.

With best wishes,

Mrs. M. Thomas

Head of Secondary

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