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COVID - 19

Dear parent / guardian

Like many schools in Carmarthenshire and across Wales, we are seeing confirmed cases of COVID-19 at our school.

Unfortunately, this is to be expected as we move towards managing and living with the virus, together with the rising number of cases in our communities.

However, we would like to reassure you that there is no immediate cause for concern. We are working closely with Carmarthenshire County Council and NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect (TTP), and are following all the advice and guidance provided to us. In particular, they are very happy with the processes and measures that we have in place to minimise in-school transmission as much as possible.

If your child is identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case you will be contacted by TTP and offered two PCR tests on days two and eight. You will also be provided with information about what can be done to minimise any risks of onward spread. Your child can continue to attend their school unless they develop symptoms or are advised otherwise by TTP. You only need to notify your school of the result if it is positive.

Please remember:

- If your child is showing any of the 'classic' symptoms of Covid-19 (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss or change in taste/smell) he or she should not attend school. Please book a PCR test by calling 119 or go to <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test>
- If the test is positive, please let the school know or outside of hours, please call Delta Wellbeing on 0300 333 2222 or by emailing TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk who will notify the school on your behalf. Your child should self-isolate and not attend school until the date given by the TTP service.
- We encourage all secondary pupils to take LFT tests twice a week. This helps to quickly identify those who are unknowingly carrying the virus and can help to slow the spread and help protect the most vulnerable. If an LFT test is positive, please let us know and book a PCR test. Do not attend school unless the PCR test is negative.

The safety of our pupils and staff is our main priority and we have done all we can to keep our school as safe as possible, but it is important we all work together and follow the general COVID guidelines including frequent testing, keeping children at home if they show any symptoms, however mild, and getting the vaccine when offered (includes 16 and 17-year-olds).

It is important we continue to wash our hands regularly and wear face coverings where required – although face coverings are no longer recommended in the classroom, secondary school pupils should continue to wear them on school transport and in communal areas.

Schools will only need to consider putting further measures in place if the local risks differ from the national situation, and the council will work closely with schools to decide on how these measures should be tailored if they are needed.

We hope that the information we've provided is reassuring and helpful, as always, we appreciate your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. For all the latest information on school operations during COVID including a comprehensive list of FAQs please visit the council website carmarthenshire.gov.wales/education and follow @CarmsCouncil on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Useful Links

Test Trace Protect: <https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>

General COVID information: <https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus>

Symptoms and Self-isolation: <https://gov.wales/symptoms-and-self-isolation-contact-tracing>

Medical help: <https://gov.wales/check-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help>

Thank you for your cooperation.

C Davies

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