

05/07/21

Dear Parent/Guardian of pupil in 5/6W

Re: Contact of confirmed case of COVID-19 in 5/6W (Ysgol Heulfan: Mrs Wilkes' class)

NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect trace everyone who has been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Your child has been identified as **a contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19** and will now need to **self-isolate for 10 days from last Thursday (Thursday 1st July 2021)**. By identifying contacts and asking them to self-isolate for 10 days, we will reduce the possible spread of COVID-19 from those contacts to their family, friends and the wider community.

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

If your child remains well then the other members of your household do not need to isolate and can continue with their normal activities. If your child is still well at the end of the 10-day period of self-isolation, he/she can return to their usual activities and can return to **Ysgol Heulfan on Monday 12th July 2021**.

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

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

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change to sense of smell or taste
- Headache, cold, sickness, feeling sick, stomach ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, aches/pains, fatigue etc. These are wider symptoms.

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

- Inform the Test, Trace and Protect (TTP) team who will be in daily contact with you
- If advised by TTP, book a test by phoning 119 or through the online portal: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>
- Inform **Ysgol Heulfan** that your child is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and that you have requested a test for them.
- Your child must continue to self-isolate.
- Whilst the test result is awaited, all household members should self-isolate for 10 days from when your child developed symptoms
- Do not visit a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital but if you require medical advice for your child 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 you receive your test result

Further formation on Test, Trace, Protect can be found here

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

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>

With best wishes,

Issued under the instruction of:

Julia Thomas Haigh

Position:

Headteacher

On behalf of Public Health Wales Health Protection Team