

24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Now schools are closed for their normal function and have been repurposed for the care of the children of key workers and vulnerable learners, we urge you to work with us and observe the following, so that together we are doing everything possible to prevent the spread of virus, and potentially save lives.

Firstly, we must take account of the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19. If children can stay safely at home, they should, in order to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. **In short, the fewer people having social contact, the more effective the overall impact of the current measures will be.**

For children who fall under the Welsh Government's categories of **vulnerable learners**, the above also applies and therefore, while we will be providing care for a limited number of prioritised vulnerable children on school sites, we are aiming to provide support and care remotely wherever possible.

If you are a parent or carer of a child in one of these categories, please be assured that we will be keeping in regular contact and providing support and care wherever this is needed. Wherever possible we will do this remotely, without the need for your children to attend school. However, if it is agreed that a child does require regular access to school, the school or an Education Officer will make contact with you. In this case, please assure your child's attendance as we will then have a duty to monitor this.

All children identified as vulnerable will have a named person, which will be either a member of school staff or an Education Officer. If you have any concerns during this period of school closure we ask you to make contact with this named person so that we can support you and your children as best we can.

We thank for your support during this unprecedented time.

Mr J Wilkinson