

Date: 30th November, 2020

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Dear Parent or Carer,

Re: Contact of confirmed case of a pupil in Year 9 in Ysgol Cwm Brombil, Bertha Road, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2AN.

Following on from previous correspondence regarding your child being a contact person for a pupil in Year 9 who has tested positive for Covid-19. After investigating further and from contact with Track and Trace your child has still been confirmed as a contact of the confirmed case.

Your child will need to continue their isolation period and will need to **self-isolate for 14 days from Wednesday, 25th November, 2020** By identifying contacts and asking them to self-isolate for 14 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 the household do not need to isolate and can continue with their normal activities. If your child is still well at the end of the 14-day period of self-isolation, they can return to **Ysgol Cwm Brombil School** and their other usual activities on **Wednesday**, **9**th **December**, **2020**.

The 14-day period of self-isolation cannot be reduced by having a test. A test is only for people who develop symptoms of COVID-19.

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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

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

If your child was in Year 9 and in school last Monday 23rd November and Tuesday 24th November then they must self isolate. This means that your child has been identified as a contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 and will now need to self-isolate for 48 hours whilst we investigate contacts further with Track and Trace. By identifying contacts and asking them to self-isolate, we will reduce the possible spread of COVID-19 from those contacts to their family, friends and the wider community.

You will be contacted by the end of school on Tuesday with a further update as to whether your child will be allowed to return to school on Wednesday, 2nd December, 2020 or whether they will need to self-isolate for 14 days. As soon as we are informed by Track and Trace we will be in contact with you.

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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 01639 862757 or 119 or through the online portal: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test</u>
- Inform **Ysgol Cwm Brombil 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

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

Further information on symptoms and self-isolation can be found here <u>https://gov.wales/symptoms-and-self-isolation-contact-tracing</u> For general information on COVID-19 <u>https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus</u>

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,

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Mr. S. Clarke (Headteacher)

