



Dear Parent/guardian,

We are writing to inform you that NHS Test Trace Protect Wales has assessed that the Ysgol Cwm Brombil has a cluster of COVID-19 case/cases in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9.

We know that you may find this concerning, however, we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Environmental Health and Public Health Wales. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Ysgol Cwm Brombil remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All students and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. All parents are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic LFD COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household.

Ysgol Cwm Brombil has control measures in place including enhanced cleaning and hygiene, ensuring rooms are well ventilated and avoiding certain activities such as assemblies, sand and water play in line with Welsh Government Guidance to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

We know that in general COVID-19 doesn't affect young people as seriously as it does others in our families and community. To help keep others safe, there are still some things you/your child can do to reduce the risk of spreading the infection. For the next 10 days we recommend you/your child:

- **Avoid contact with anyone at greater risk from the effects of COVID-19 infection.**  
This includes older people, those with long-term health conditions, and anyone who hasn't received a full course of COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Be alert for new symptoms.**  
If you/your child start to feel unwell, no matter how mild the symptoms are, you/your child should stay away from school and get a PCR test.
- **Limit contact with large groups of people as much as possible.**  
Try to keep the number of people in close contact with you/your child to as few as possible. Avoid large gatherings outside of school, social events (e.g. birthday parties) and after-school activities.
- **Keep washing hands regularly.**  
This is still an important way to limit the spread of many infections, including COVID-19.
- For additional peace of mind we recommend that you book a PCR test for you/your child. You can do this on receipt of this letter. You can book a PCR test online through the NHS website at <https://gov.wales/get-tested-coronavirus-covid-19> or by calling 01639 862757.



**What to do if you/your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19**

If you/your child have any coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change of taste or smell), you should self-isolate at home and get a test. You should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

Self-isolation means that you **do not leave the house**. You should self-isolate straight away if you have symptoms until you receive the results of a COVID-19 PCR test.

If your test result is positive, Test Trace Protect will contact you and provide advice on self-isolation and to find out who you/your child has been in close contact with recently.

We know how disruptive the last year has been for everyone. This year we want to keep you/your child in school as much as possible, but we also want to keep our communities safe from the effects of COVID-19. We hope that you will be able to play your part by following the above advice.

With best wishes,

Mr S. Clarke

Headteacher

