



# Ysgol Gynradd TYWYN Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to provide you all with an update from school regarding the current situation in terms of Covid-19. As the number of positive cases stabilises and declines so does the positivity rate. After February half term we will be following the arrangements as set out in the Welsh Government's Guidance on 'Local Covid-19 infection Control Decision Framework for Schools.' This will enable us to tailor interventions to reflect local risks and circumstances.

Our Risk Assessments will continue to guide us on the reasonable measures to take to minimise exposure and spread of the Covid-19 virus. These measures include the following:

- **The wearing of face coverings will still be required in all communal areas of the school. This also includes parents wearing them at drop off and pick up times**
- **In some LSC classes face-coverings will be worn when working with clinically extremely vulnerable pupils when a physical distance cannot be maintained**
- **The number of visitors into school will continue to be closely monitored**
- **Gathering at the school gate will not be permitted so we can keep everyone as safe as possible. Please collect your child / children and leave the premises promptly**
- **Good levels of ventilation will be maintained at all times. Fresh air from outside remains a key feature in the control of Covid-19. Carbon dioxide monitors are used in all classrooms as an aid to managing ventilation**
- **Maintaining an appropriate level of cleaning across the school**
- **Pupils are strongly encouraged to wash / sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day**
- **School staff will continue with Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) twice a week apart from some LSC classes where they will carry out daily LFTs**

**\*School start time will return to 8.50am**

The self-isolation period continues to be 5 full days if the positive person has 2 consecutive lateral flow tests on day 5 & 12-24 hours later on day 6. Anyone who tests positive on either of these days **MUST** continue to self-isolate until they have 2 negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart or until day 10, whichever comes first.



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In order to keep transmission low to 'Keep Wales Safe' parents /carers must continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid, including not sending children to school if they have symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19. It is vital that parents and carers keep us informed if anyone at home tests positive for Covid. All household contacts are required to take daily lateral flow tests for 7 days, whilst there is a positive case in the home. Results of these will be asked for by school staff so that children can continue to come to school.

Please remember the main symptoms for Coronavirus, are as follows:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss or change in their normal sense of taste or smell

**If a child or member of staff displays any of the above symptoms they will be sent home immediately and advised to get a PCR test at a local test centre.**

**A LATERAL FLOW TEST CAN BE USED BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THAT LATERAL FLOW TESTS ARE ONLY DESIGNED TO PICK UP ASYMPTOMATIC CASES.**

Please respect our continued requests relating to Covid symptoms, household contacts, the need to carry out daily Lateral Flow tests and work with us. Should you experience any difficulty getting lateral flow tests, please contact the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you, the pupils and all the staff for your continued support in these challenging times and wish to thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding. All of the above are subject to change at any time if Covid cases rise and we need to make amendments but we will keep you fully informed of this.

We are really hoping that by the end of March, things will change significantly and we can resume normality back to pre-Covid life!

Kind regards



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Head Teacher



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