



4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer of Year 7

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within your child's class/year group (Year 7).

Your child can continue to attend school, however, we would ask that you be vigilant for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- fever (greater than 37.8°C);
- new persistent/continuous cough; and/or
- loss or change in sense of taste or smell.

Should your child develop any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send your child to school but get a PCR test immediately. If anyone in your household develops any of these symptoms, however mild, they should also seek a PCR test as soon as possible and follow the guidance at <https://gov.wales/self-isolation-stay-home-guidance-households-possible-coronavirus>. If the outcome of your child's PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for a period of 10 days.

As a school we are not always aware of personal circumstances and there may be vulnerable adults or children within your household or extended contact group. I hope that by giving you this information it may assist you in any decisions you may make regarding visiting elderly or vulnerable people and protecting those close to you.

You do not need to take any further action, this letter is for information only, however you may receive further correspondence from the Test Trace Protect (TTP) team who may provide you with further information and instructions. If you do not hear from them you can continue as normal.

Anyone who is fully vaccinated (with a period of 14 days having passed since the full vaccination course was completed) or is under the age of 18 does not need to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, unless they are advised to do so by TTP.

We know that in general COVID-19 doesn't affect young people as seriously as it does others in our families and community. But 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:



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- **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.

**Keep washing hands regularly.**

This is still an important way to limit the spread of many infections, including COVID-19.

We know how disruptive the last year has been for everyone. This year we want to keep your child in school as much as possible, but we also want to keep our communities safe from the effects of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D L R Cole  
Headteacher

