



04/01/22

Dear Parent / Guardian / Pupil,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you had an enjoyable time over the Christmas break.

Inevitably, like some members of staff, many of you will have been affected directly or indirectly by Covid during the holiday.

Our school's priority is to always minimise disruption to our pupils' education and maintain face to face learning in the classroom in a safe way for everyone. The fundamental principle remains that the most effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19 in our schools/settings is to stop infection being brought into the school/setting.

Last term, we were able to ensure that all classes remained open. However, the highly transmissible nature of the Omicron variant means that we must prepare ourselves for remote learning if staff absence is high. Therefore, could you please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to access our work website due to not having a suitable device?

Many parents/guardians will have previously received 'Warn and Inform' letters due to case(s) in your child's class. Please note that the guidance contained within the letters we will now send out has changed. Please take the time to read any letters/schoops carefully.

We will be operating at a 'very high' risk level. We must therefore ask you as parent/guardians to adhere to the following:

Only **ONE** adult should accompany and collect their child/children to/from school.

Children should arrive in school by **8:55am** at the latest.

Parents /guardians should not congregate outside the school or remain on the school site after their child/children have been transferred into the care of a member of staff. Those with more than one child at school, should collect their children at 3:15pm. If you have only one child in the school, please **DO NOT** arrive before 3:25pm.

All adults should follow the one-way system.

All adults, unless exempt, should wear a face covering.

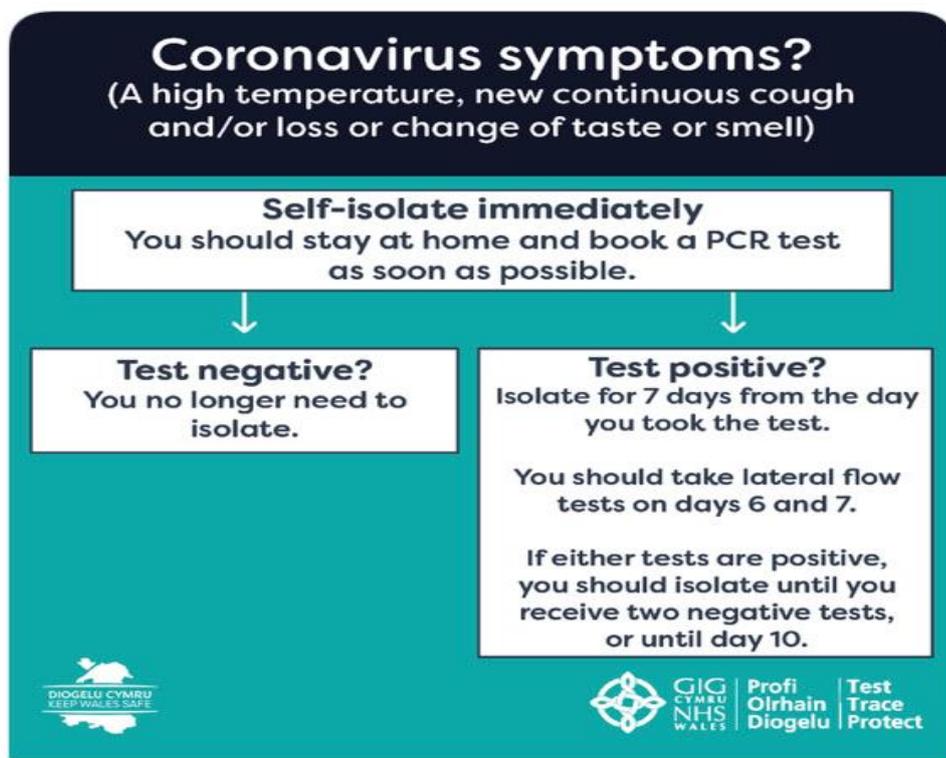
All adults/families should maintain a 2m physical distance when on the school grounds.

If your child is displaying any potential symptoms **OR** is generally feeling unwell, do not send them to school and book a PCR test immediately (Under 5s are currently not required to have a PCR test but should remain at home). We **WILL NOT** accept the result of a Lateral Flow Test.

If you need to speak to you child's teacher, we ask that you contact the school via the 'Contact us' section on the school website and they will make contact as soon as possible. We ask that unless it is urgent, you do not ask to discuss any issues with the staff when dropping off or collecting your child/ren.

We kindly ask that you consider doing a 'Later Flow Test' on your child/children before they return on Thursday morning if you have some tests at home.

This is the current guidance regarding self-isolation (as of 31st December 2021):



As always, we will do our utmost to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to keep our learners safe. This will require the cooperation of the whole school community and we must ask that the directives shared above are followed by all. **Please also note that the measures required will differ from school to school.**

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Thursday, 6th January.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Evans and all the staff at Ysgol Gymraeg Cwrnbrân.