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Annwyl riant / warcheidwad

Mae'r nifer o achosion +ve COVID-19 ymhysg ein disgyblion ar gynnydd yn anffodus wedi cyfnod o 5 wythnos heb yr un achos. Dyma'r patrwm yn y mwyafrif o ysgolion ar draws y wlad ar hyn o bryd.

Erbyn heddiw, mae 4 disgybl wedi profi'n bosotif, y 4 ohonynt mewn blynyddoedd ar wahan. Rydym wedi cwblhau'r broses tracio ac olrhain ymhob achos ac wedi hysbysu'r disgyblion hynny sydd angen hunan-ynysu gan eu bod yn gysylltiadau agos i'r disgyblion. Mae Blwyddyn 12 yn gweithio adref erbyn hyn er mwyn lleihau y risg o ledu'r feirws trwy'r flwyddyn mor agos i ddiwedd y tymor ac yn derbyn y mwyfafrif o'u gwersi fel rhai byw, oni bai fod athro yn sâl neu yn gwarchod dros athro arall. Mae 2 athro wedi profi'n bosotif trwy gysylltiadau cymunedol ac yn hunan-ynysu.

Mae nifer cynyddol o staff yn gorfod hunan-ynysu oherwydd eu bod yn gysylltiadau agos i aelodau o'r teulu sydd naill ai yn aros am ganlyniadau prawf COVID neu sydd wedi profi'n +ve neu sy'n absennol oherwydd galwadau gofal plant lle bo ysgolion cynradd wedi anfon disgyblion adref i hunan-ynysu. Canlyniad hyn oll yw fod staffio'r ysgol fel ag y mae yn anghynaladwy ac mae angen i mi weithredu ar frys er mwyn diogelu gweithdrefnau iechyd a diogelwch yr ysgol a sicrhau fod digon o staff ar gael i ddysgu dosbarthiadau. Mae ysgolion Awdurdodau Lleol cyfagos yn cau dydd Mercher nesaf sydd yn golygu fod nifer o'n staff ag anghenion gofal plant dydd Iau a dydd Gwener nesaf.

Rwyf wedi trafod ein sefyllfa staffio gyda Cadeirydd y Llywodraethwyr a Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr Addysg, Awdurdod Caerdydd ac wedi cytuno cynllun fydd yn golygu y bydd un blwyddyn ysgol yn aros adref fesul diwrnod er mwyn rhyddhau athrawon i warchod gwersi yr athrawon sydd yn absennol.

Fydd y model hyn yn caniatau i ni fedru staffio'r ysgol yn ddiogel ac sydd hefyd yn blaenoriaethu ein dosbarthiadau arholiad. Rwy'n gwbl ymwybodol na fydd y penderfyniad yn plesio pawb a bu'n rhaid i mi ddwys ystyried cyn dod i'r penderfyniad hyn. Yn anffodus mae'r sefyllfa wedi bod yn newid fesul awr ers dechrau'r wythnos sydd wedi fy ngorfodi i wneud y penderfyniad hwyr yma. Wele isod drefniadau dod i'r ysgol i ddisgyblion Bl 7, 8, 9 a 10 tan ddiwedd y tymor:

	Mercher, Rhagfyr 9fed	**Iau, Rhagfyr 10fed**	**Gwener, Rhagfyr 11eg**
Pwy sydd yn yr ysgol?	Bl 7, 8, 9, 11, 13	Bl 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	Bl 7, 9, 10, 11, 13
Pwy sydd adref?	Bl 10, 12	Bl 9, 12	Bl 8, 12

	Llun Rhagfyr 14eg	**Mawrth Rhagfyr 15fed**	**Mercher, Rhagfyr 16eg**	**Iau, Rhagfyr 17eg**	**Gwener, Rhagfyr 18fed**
Pwy sydd yn yr ysgol?	Bl 7, 8, 9, 11, 13	Bl 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	Bl 7, 9, 10, 11, 13	Bl 11,13	Bl 11, 13
Pwy sydd adref?	10, 12	9, 12	Bl 8, 12	Bl 7, 8, 9, 10, 12	Bl 7, 8, 9, 10, 12

Bydd gwaith i CA3 a CA4 wedi ei osod trwy Teams neu Moodle y dosbarth, bydd angen i'ch plentyn wirio'n ddyddiol os gwelwch yn dda. Oherwydd hyd y cyfnod i bob blwyddyn (h.y un dydd) ni fydd gwersi byw nac amserlen penodol i'r gwaith, a bydd y mwyafrif o'r gwaith yn dasgau byr neu dasgau darllen. Mae'n gyfle i bob disgybl gwblhau unrhyw

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ddarnau o waith anorffenedig yn ystod y tymor. Mewn achos o athro yn absennol oherwydd salwch, ni fydd gwaith wedi ei ddarparu yn anffodus.

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth

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December 8th, 2020

Dear parent / guardian

The number of positive COVID-19 cases in the school has unfortunately increased this week following a 5 week period during which we had no +ve cases. Most schools in Wales are experiencing a similar pattern as we see a national rise in COVID cases.

Currently, 4 pupils have tested +ve to COVID, all 4 cases are in separate year groups. We have conducted detailed and thorough tracking and tracing exercises associated with each +ve case which has led to a number of pupils having to self-isolate. I have directed our Year 12 students to work at home until the end of term to avoid the potential spread of the virus through their year group. They are receiving the majority of their lessons as live lessons unless a teacher is un-well or having to cover for an absent colleague. There are currently 2 members of staff self-isolating who have tested +ve to COVID-19 due to community links.

A growing number of staff are having to self-isolate due to close contacts with family members who have tested +ve, or who are awaiting the results of COVID tests or are having to juggle childcare and work commitments due to their children's primary schools having to send children home. The current staffing situation is un-sustainable and I need to respond urgently to ensure that I can adhere to our COVID risk assessment and ensure the safety of everyone on site and that I have enough staff to teach all our classes. Schools in neighboring Local Authorities are closing next Wednesday which is an added strain on our staffing levels at the end of next week.

I have reluctantly come to the decision that pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will alternate their time in school until the end of term to reduce the pressure on being able to safely staff the school. I have spoken to the Deputy Director of Education in the Local Authority and to our Chair of Governors this morning and have received their support for this strategy.

The model below allows me to safely staff the school whilst also prioritising the exam classes. I am acutely aware that this decision will create difficulties for parents and I have had to consider all options before coming to this decision. Unfortunately, the situation has evolved hour by hour over the past 48 hours which has led to this decision. Below is a summary of the arrangements until the end of term:

	Wednesday, December 9th	**Thursday, December 10th**	**Friday, December 11th**
Who is coming to school?	Yr 7, 8, 9, 11, 13	Yr 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	Yr 7, 9, 10, 11, 13
Who is staying at home?	Bl 10, 12	Bl 9, 12	Bl 8, 12

	Monday, December 14th	**Tuesday, December 15th**	**Wednesday, December 16th**	**Thursday, December 17th**	**Friday, December 18th**
Who is coming to school?	Yr 7, 8, 9, 11, 13	Yr 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	Yr 7, 9, 10, 11, 13	Yr 11,13	Yr 11, 13
Who is staying at home?	10, 12	9, 12	Bl 8, 12	Bl 7, 8, 9, 10, 12	Bl 7, 8, 9, 10, 12

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Work for KS3 and KS4 pupils working from home will be placed by individual teachers in their class Teams or on Moodle. Your child should check their class Teams daily. As most of the staff will be covering for absent teachers, live teaching will not be possible and most of the tasks will be short assignments or reading tasks. It also allows pupils to complete any un-finished pieces of work during their time at home. If a teacher is absent due to illness, work will not be provided unfortunately.

Thank you for your continued support

John Hayes
Headteacher