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Annwyl Riant / Warcheidwad

Ysgrifennaf atoch gyda pythefnos i fynd hyd at gwyliau hanner tymor hydref. Addawais yn ddiweddar na fyddwn yn ysgrifennu yn wythnosol atoch oni bai fod yna wybodaeth pwysig, newydd i'w rannu gan ein bod bellach wedi setlo mewn i'r tymor a mae pawb erbyn hyn yn gyfarwydd â'n gweithdrefnau a'n disgwyliadau. Gofynnaf yn garedig i chi gyfeirio at lythyron mis Medi am fanylion ein gweithdrefnau COVID a'n rheolau ysgol.

COVID-19: Mae niferoedd achosion +ve COVID-19 ymysg ein disgyblion wedi lleihau yn sylweddol dros y bythefnos ddiwethaf. Mae'r canllawiau canlynol wedi ei gyhoeddi gan Llywodraeth Cymru yn ystod y dyddiau diwethaf:

Disgyblion oedran uwchradd:

- **Caiff disgyblion ysgol uwchradd sy'n byw gyda rhywun ar eu haelwyd sydd wedi cael prawf COVID-19 positif eu cyngori i wneud profion llif unffordd bob dydd am saith diwrnod (bob bore cyn mynd i'r ysgol).**
- **Mae hyn yn ychwanegol at brofion PCR ar Ddiwrnod 2 a Diwrnod 8 (fel yw'r achos ar hyn o bryd).**

Mae'n bwysig fod pawb arall yn parhau i gymryd y prawf llif ar draws dwy waith yr wythnos (nos Sul a nos Fawrth) a gofynnaf yn garedig i chi gysylltu a'r ysgol os yw prawf eich plentyn yn un +ve.

Os oes unrhyw amheuaeth am gyflwr iechyd eich plentyn hyd yn oed os yw'r prawf llif ar draws yn negyddol, fe'ch anogaf i drefnu prawf PCR i'ch plentyn drwy ffonio 119 er mwyn bod yn gwbl sicr o'r sefyllfa. Os yw'r symptomau yn parhau gofynnaf i chi gadw eich plentyn adref nes eich bod yn derbyn canlyniad y prawf PCR. Os oes dysgwyr, aelod o staff neu ymwelydd yn mynd yn sâl neu'n symptomatig wrth fynychu'r ysgol, fe fyddwn yn trefnu eu bod yn gadael yr ysgol cyn gynted ag y bo modd ac yn dilyn cyngor Profi, Olrhain a Diogelu, gan gynnwys hunan-ynysu a threfnu prawf.

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cychwyn gwahodd pobl ifanc 12–15 oed i gael eu brechu, ac mae'r rhaglen ar gyfer y grŵp oedran hwn wedi dechrau yn barod. Mae hyn yn digwydd yn gyflym, gyda disgyblion yn cael eu gwahodd i ganolfannau brechu ar ôl ysgol, gyda'r nos ac ar benwythnosau. Ni fydd disgwyl i staff yr ysgol reoli unrhyw faterion sy'n ymwneud â chydysyniad – y Byrddau Iechyd sy'n gyfrifol am y cyfrifoldeb hwn.

Diweddariad ar sefyllfa staffio yr ysgol: Ysgrifennais atoch wythnos ddiwethaf i rannu fy mhryder am sefyllfa staffio yr ysgol. Roedd y cyfuniad o salwch ymhyseg nifer o aelodau staff, absenoldebau oherwydd gofal plant a gofynion cwricwlaidd pwysig yn golygu bod ein sefyllfa staffio dan bwysau yn ystod yr wythnos. Mae hefyd yn anodd iawn cael gafael ar athrawon cyflenwi ar hyn o bryd. Fe wellodd y sefyllfa erbyn diwedd yr wythnos. Fe fyddaf yn gwenud popeth posib i ddiogelu bod athro cymwys o flaen pob dosbarth, ond mae yna adegau pan fydd yn rhaid cyfuno dosbarthiadau o'r un flwyddyn yn y neuadd dan oruchwyliaeth aelod o'r Tim Arwain. Fe fyddai'n parhau i fonitro'r sefyllfa staffio yn ofalus ac os fydd y sefyllfa yn gwaethygu eto fy fyddaf yn trafod gyda swyddogion addysg a iechyd a diogelwch yr Awdurdod Lleol pa gamau arall i'w cymryd i ddiogelu lles holl gymuned yr ysgol.

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Darparu gwaith i'r disgyblion sydd yn ynysu: Bydd athrawon yn darparu gwaith ar Teams i'r disgyblion sy'n ynysu, i'w gwblhau pan fyddant yn teimlo'n ddigon iach i wneud hynny. I lawer o athrawon, ni fyddai'n ymarferol i adael gwaith fesul gwrs, ac yn hytrach byddant yn gosod digon o waith am gyfres o wersi. Nid oes disgwyl i athrawon gynnwys y disgybl sy'n ynysu mewn gwrsi byw oni bai bod yr athro yn hapus i drefnu hynny. Dewis personol yr athro unigol fydd hynny. Byddai'n syniad da i'r disgybl sy'n ynysu wneud trefniant gyda ffrind i ddal fyny gyda gwaith dosbarth, fel 'buddy' dysgu o fewn pob dosbarth.

Nosweithiau rhieni: Un o'r ychydig pethau cadarnhaol sydd wedi deillio o'r flwyddyn ddiwethaf yw ein defnydd o dechnoleg i gynnal nosweithiau rhieni rithiol. Mae'r adborth gan athrawon a rhieni wedi bod yn hynod o gadarnhaol ac felly fe fyddwn yn parhau â'r arfer hyn i'r dyfodol. Fe fydd yr ysgol yn cysylltu â chi mewn da bryd gyda manylion am y llwyfan rithiol y byddwn yn ei ddefnyddio a sut i wneud 'booking' gyda'r athrawon priodol.

Teithiau o'r ysgol: Wrth i'r cyfyngiadau cymdeithasol a'r cyfyngiadau teithio dechrau llacio, mae rhai athrawon yn dechrau ymchwilio i'r posibiliad o drefnu taith ysgol unwaith yn rhagor. Cyn fydd taith yn cael ei lawnsio fe fydd asesiad risg manwl wedi ei gwblhau a thrafodaethau wedi digwydd gyda swyddogion iechyd a diogelwch y sir ac adran yswiriant yr Awdurdod Lleol er mwyn sicrhau fod pob elfen o'r daith wedi ei ystyried cyn fydd y cynllunio ar gyfer y daith yn medru parhau.


Gwisg, colur a gemwaith: Anfonwyd neges atoch ddydd Gwener yn eich atgoffa am reolau gwisg, colur a gemwaith yr ysgol. Plis allwch chi ein cefnogi yn ein hymdrechion i gynnal safonau gwisg yr ysgol drwy sicrhau fod eich plentyn yn cadw at reolau gwisg yr ysgol a ddim yn gwisgo colur na gemwaith i'r ysgol. Diolch yn fawr iawn am eich cydweithrediad ar y mater hwn.

Cofion cynnes a chadwch yn ddiogel

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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to you with just a fortnight left of this half term. I recently promised that I would move away from the weekly newsletter as we had settled into the new term, and everyone was familiar with all our procedures and expectations, unless there was new and important information to share with you. Please refer to my series of September letters for details of our COVID protocols and school rules.

COVID-19: The number of +ve COVID-19 cases amongst our pupils has continued to fall over the past week. The Welsh Government recently updated their guidance on close contacts:

Secondary school age pupils:

- **Secondary school pupils who live with a household member who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be advised to undertake daily LFT tests for seven days (every morning before attending school/college).**
- **This is in addition to PCR tests on Day 2 and Day 8 (currently the case).**

It is important that everyone else continues to take Lateral flow Tests twice a week (Sunday and Tuesday evenings) and I would remind you of the need to contact the school if your child has a +ve LFT.

If you have any concerns about the health of your child and even if a Lateral Flow Test is -ve, I encourage you to book a PCR test by calling 119 to make sure that they are not suffering from COVID-19. If your child is symptomatic then please do not send your child to school whilst awaiting the result for the PCR test. Anyone with symptoms—a new continuous cough, fever or high temperature or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste—should remain in self-isolation until the test result is known. If a staff member or learner becomes symptomatic whilst at school, arrangements will be made for them to leave the school site as practicable, and they should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible and self-isolate until they receive the test result.

The Welsh Government has already started to invite 12 – 15 year olds for vaccination, and the programme for this age group has started. This will happen at pace, with pupils invited to vaccination centres in the evenings and weekends. There is an expectation that all children in this age group will have been offered a vaccine during October. School staff will not be expected to manage any issues around consent – this responsibility sits with the Health Boards.

A staffing update: I wrote to you last week to update you on our staffing situation. The combination of staff illness, child care responsibilities and important curriculum demands on staff meant that mid-week we were facing a challenging staffing situation. It is also currently extremely difficult to get hold of supply teachers. We made every effort to ensure that there was a qualified teacher for every teaching class, but there were occasions when we had to combine two classes of the same year group in the hall with a member of the Senior Leadership Team overseeing both groups. Matters improved towards the end of the week. I will continue to monitor the staffing situation and will liaise with senior education and health and safety officers from the Local Education Authority if we face similar staffing challenges over the coming weeks to ensure the wellbeing of the whole school community.

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Providing schoolwork for pupils who are self-isolating: Teachers will provide work on Teams for those pupils who are self-isolating and who are well enough to complete some schoolwork. For many teachers it would be difficult to provide work on a lesson-by-lesson basis and therefore providing a block of work which should cover a series of lessons would be far more practicable. Teachers are not expected to include pupils who are self-isolating in synchronous learning opportunities unless individual teachers arrange for that to happen. It would also be a good idea for pupils who are working at home to 'buddy' with a classmate and to ask the 'buddy' for work to catch up with at home.

Parents evenings: One of the very few positive aspects to the past year has been the use of digital technology to host our parents evenings. Feedback from parents and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive so we will continue with virtual parents' evenings for the foreseeable future. We will contact you in good time to ensure that you have the necessary information to be able to access the digital platform that will be used to host the parents evening and with instructions on how to make a booking with the relevant teachers.

School trips: As social and travel restrictions are gradually being eased, some teachers are starting to make early enquiries into arranging school visits and trips once again. Before any trip is launched a thorough and detailed risk assessment will be undertaken and discussions held with health and safety officers and the Local authorities insurance section to ensure that every eventuality has been considered.

School uniform, make-up and jewellery: We wrote to you on Friday reminding you of our rules on uniform, make-up and jewellery. Please can you support us in our efforts to uphold standards in ensuring that your child wears the designated uniform and refrains from wearing make-up and jewellery to school. Many thanks for your co-operation on this issue.

Best wishes and please remain safe,

John Hayes
Headteacher