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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

School closure for Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils from Thursday 19th March 2020

As you are aware, the guidance regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) is being updated by Public Health Wales daily. As more and more cases are being diagnosed and an increasing number of people are having to self-isolate, either due to having existing medical conditions or displaying symptoms within their family, this is now having a significant impact on the safe running of the school.

Today, Kirsty Williams AM, Minister for Education announced the closure of all schools from Friday 20th March 2020.

However, this morning, we have experienced a large number of staff, both teaching and support, who are now not able to attend school as they are self-isolating.

As a result, Cantonian High School will be closed from Thursday 19th March 2020, to all pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. We will also be closing the Access Base, Cantonian Reintegration Centre and SRB at this time.

The school will remain **open for all mainstream pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 until the end of the day Friday 20th March 2020.** It is essential that all pupils attend in these year groups attend school Thursday and Friday, during which they will be undertaking intervention work to help prepare them to complete outstanding coursework and any controlled assessments. They are to attend registration as usual.

All pupils have been provided with their log in details for Hwb and Microsoft Teams, and have been taught how to use them to access work provided by their teachers. For those pupils who do not have access to the internet, paper copies are being produced and will be available for collection from the Co-Op in Fairwater Green from Friday 20th March 2020.

I appreciate that the closure of the school will have a significant impact on you and your families, and it has not been a decision that has been made lightly. However, the health and safety of pupils, staff and your families is paramount at this time.

I will continue to update you with the latest advice as it becomes available and to confirm when the school will re-open.

Best wishes,

Diane Gill
Headteacher

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