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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Update

I am writing to inform you that I have been notified by Public Health Wales of one confirmed case of Covid-19 within Year 11. Following Welsh Government and local authority guidance, it is necessary for all Year 11 pupils to self-isolate as a precaution, with immediate effect, until close contact groups have been established. If you are notified that your child is a close contact, they will need to self-isolate. It is important that they stay at home and self-isolate until Saturday 24 October in order to reduce the possible spread of the virus to family, friends and the wider community. As the school breaks up for half term on Friday 23 October, if your child is self-isolating, they will not be expected to return to school until Monday 02 November. Current public health advice states that other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. You should, however, be particularly vigilant about your child's health and if they display any coronavirus symptoms, you should ensure that are tested as soon as possible.

As you are aware, Year 11 pupils are sitting their GCSE Numeracy exam on Tuesday 03 and Thursday 05 November. Therefore it is essential that if your child is not required to self-isolate, they attend school as normal. However, if they are required to self-isolate, they need to continue working at home to prepare for this important exam.

In order to support pupils' learning whilst they are off school, we have put work onto 'Microsoft Teams' so they can access it remotely. Your child should follow their school timetable and undertake their usual 3 lessons a day; work will be linked to what is currently being taught in school. A tutor will be in touch to ensure that your child is able to access the work and to help if there are any issues, and the class teacher will be online if possible to further support the learning. Work can be completed online so there is no need to print anything, and your child's class teacher will monitor their progress.

The school remains open for all other pupils and every other year group, and we expect these pupils to continue attending school as normal.

In line with current guidance, the school has undertaken a deep clean of relevant areas to reduce the risk of spreading the virus further. We will continue to be vigilant in adhering to all guidelines so that we can keep all pupils and staff safe. To support this, please remind your children of the need for good personal hygiene and the use of face masks when in all public areas of the school.

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Please do not send your child to school if they display any of the symptoms of Covid-19:

- A continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of taste or smell

Please do not send your child to school if they, or anyone they live with, have been diagnosed with or has symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 14 days. More information can be found at: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

I know that this will cause you all some concern and this is completely understandable. However, I want to reassure you that all appropriate risk assessments and safety measures are in place throughout the school. These are being strictly followed to protect all pupils and staff and to limit the risk of any cross-contamination.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school directly via email at: contact@cantonian.org

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Gill', written in a cursive style.

MRS D GILL
Headteacher