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PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THIS LETTER!

COVID-19 - Coronavirus

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to make you aware of the latest guidance to schools about COVID-19 (Coronavirus), particularly as the first case in Wales has been confirmed in Swansea today.

All parents have been sent a text today with a link to the 'Guidance to educational settings about COVID-19' document, but you can also access this by going to <https://bit.ly/2I5PHXA>. This link will update on a regular basis with the most recent information from the Welsh Government. Please read this document carefully as it provides advice and guidance on how to help prevent the spread of respiratory infections (e.g. Catch It, Bin It, Kill It), advice if you've travelled from specified countries or areas in the last 14 days, etc.

In general, the document states that if people have returned from a Category 1 specified country or area in the last 14 days, they should self-isolate. They should not attend school or work until 14 days after they return. If people have returned from a Category 2 specified country or area in the last 14 days, they are only advised to stay at home if they develop symptoms such as a cough/cold, difficulty breathing and/or a fever. All other children and staff should continue to attend school, including their siblings attending the same or a different school (unless advised not to by public health officials).

To be clear, we are not aware of any children, families or staff who have visited a Category 1 or 2 country/area in the last 14 days, therefore there is absolutely no need for panic and **children should be attending school**. The advice to parents is to follow the guidance within this document and to make us aware if you have any relevant information or concerns. This document will be updated regularly and we will of course inform parents if there are any changes to this advice.

It is advised that all children, parents and staff follow some general principles to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. This can include washing your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol sanitiser (if soap and water are not available), covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throwing the tissue in the bin, stay at home if you're not feeling well, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands, avoid close contact with people who are unwell, etc.

If you or your children become unwell and believe that you've been exposed to COVID-19, call NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47 or 111 Wales, or 999 in an emergency (if you/they are seriously ill/injured or in a life threatening scenario). Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment. Again, clicking the link in your texts or visiting <https://phw.nhs.wales/coronavirus/> will provide you with further advice and information.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact us if you require any further information!

Kind regards,

Mr D Cooper
(Deputy Headteacher)