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Dear Parents and Carers,

A number of you have expressed concern this evening via DOJO to Mrs Peters, that a pupil in your child's class has a parent who has tested positive for COVID-19. I can confirm that a child from Year 2 was picked up earlier during the day as his father had indeed tested positive this afternoon. He has a younger sister in Dosbarth Dylan who did not attend school today and is therefore not an added risk to your child.

When I was alerted to the positive test, the Year 2 child was immediately moved out of class to an isolated area and the roaming cleaner was directed to the classroom to clean and sanitise. This is following our risk assessment and Local Authority guidelines.

I fully understand parents' feelings in this situation as they are very much the feelings of fear and anxiety that we ourselves feel working in such a public domain. However, I can tell you that our health and safety measures are rigorous and robust and there is very little movement around school of staff let alone children, so we are able to map people's movements.

As I said in my letter last week, we are open this week and trying our very best to keep a semblance of normality for our young people, in an environment that is familiar, friendly and as safe as can be. I will understand if parents take additional precautions this week by keeping their children at home and I assure you that any absence will be authorised. It is important this week to do what is right for you and your family and if that is keeping your child at home then so be it. If the right thing is sending them to school, then we will welcome them.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you, your child or anyone you live with, begins to display the following symptoms you must all stay at home and follow advice from Public Health Wales:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change in your normal sense of taste or smell.

If your child becomes unwell outside of school hours, with or without any of the COVID-19 symptoms or needs to self-isolate, please report this to us by calling Delta Wellbeing on 0300 333 2222 or by emailing TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk who will notify the school on your behalf. During school hours and for all other health-related issues please inform us directly. It is important that we all remain vigilant and maintain social distancing, continue to wash our hands frequently and wear a face covering where required to prevent the spread of the virus as much as we can. I hope that the information I've provided is reassuring and helpful during what I appreciate can be an anxious time. As always, I appreciate your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Your sincerely,

Helen Luff

Headteacher

