

8 January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Following the announcement by the Government today of a further period of 'lockdown', Llantwit Major School will remain closed for the majority of students until 29 January in the first instance, although the First Minister also said that this likely to be extended until February half term, depending on the community transmission rate of the virus.

This unfortunately means that students will continue to learn remotely, although I would like to emphasise that we are still able to accommodate children of critical workers and vulnerable children as outlined in my letter of 21 December.

We have received a number of enquiries this morning and I thought it would be best to try and summarise responses for all parents:

Communication: Even though the school is operating in a very different way the school is open. Therefore please continue to contact us via phone on 01446 793301 or email llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. If a pupil has a query they can also make contact with the school via google classroom or the school email.

Pastoral Support: All pupils will be contacted/have been contacted by the progress team for a wellbeing 'catch up' by 15 January. This will continue throughout the school closure period.

Online Learning: We are in the process of refining our online learning programme and an updated letter outlining modifications will be sent out by Mr Kevin Francis on Monday. In the meantime please continue to follow your week 1 timetable next week. **Please remember to contact the school if you need help/support with IT devices.**

GCSE/AS and A Level Exams: The internal assessments scheduled for the above exams between 22 February and 23 April will no longer take place. We have not received any further communication about NEA's or external assessments scheduled for May/June. Therefore it is essential that Year 11, 12 & 13 pupils continue to complete all set work as this will be used for evidence to determine grades, which the school may be asked submit. We will also attach a letter received today from Qualification Wales.

I know that this is a very difficult time for everyone and would like to reiterate that we will endeavour to keep you updated via letter or the school website and remember that if you require any help/support we will do everything we can to provide this during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F K Greville', with a stylized flourish at the end.

F K Greville
Headteacher