

20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Coronavirus Update – 20 March 2020

Further to my update on 17 and 18 March, and as a reminder to you, the Welsh Assembly Government have decided that all schools will close for the majority of pupils from Friday 20 March 2020. Our provision going forward is as follows:

1. **Front Line Workers**: Please see attached document. We will make available as far as practically possible, supervision for pupils from Monday 23 March until Friday 3 April 2020. This will be by request and available to those where there is no other available care. Please read attached document carefully to see whether you qualify for this provision.
Unfortunately, the LA has informed the school that there will be no school transport. We will not be accepting pupils in this category without prior request and authorisation in advance.

We therefore ask parents to email the school on llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk by 2.00 pm today with the following information:

- Child's name
- Year group
- Form group
- Parents or carers occupation.

For those pupils, the school will operate its normal hours of 8.30 am – 3.00 pm every day. Pupils who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with food.

(Paid for meals will also be available for staff and those key workers family children who are not eligible for free school meals).

2. **Pupils entitled to free school meals**: For those pupils eligible for free school meals, food will be available in the school setting as normal. Food will be available for collection between 12.10 – 1.00 pm from the canteen for pupils who live in Llantwit Major and, for those who would normally catch a bus to school, food will be delivered by school staff.
3. **Vulnerable children**: Phone calls will be made today to parents/guardians of pupils who the school has identified may need additional support at this time.

4. Pastoral support for pupils: A new designated email address is available to pupils who need support and advice for urgent, school related issues between the hours of 8.30 am – 3.00 pm from Monday 23 March – Friday 3 April.

The email is: pupilsupport@llantwitschool.org.uk

Information regarding support for pupil wellbeing from external services and from Cardiff and Vale Child Health Psychology is available on the front page of the school website – coronavirus section.

5. Support for parents: The office will be open between 8.30 am – 3.00 pm daily for any urgent telephone enquiries. Please select 'The please hold For reception' option'.
6. Online Learning: A separate letter outlining how your child will continue with informal learning will be sent home later today and the information will also be provided on the school website.
7. External Exams: All external exams for the Summer of 2020 are cancelled by the Welsh Government. This means that pupils due to sit GCSE and A level examinations will be awarded a full grade to recognise their work, drawing on the range of information that is available. Schools will be informed in due course what this range of evidence will be. Please see more information on the Qualifications Wales Website.

Due to the cancellation of exams, the Easter revision programme is cancelled.

Please be aware that in these unprecedented times arrangements could change at very short notice. We will endeavour to keep you updated via letter and via the school website and, to reassure you, that our staff are working hard to ensure that provision is in place to support you as families throughout this difficult time.

Yours faithfully



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