

20 April 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Coronavirus Update – 20 April 2020**

Following the announcement by the Government on the 16 April of a further period of 'lockdown', Llantwit Major School will remain closed for the foreseeable future. There has been a lot of speculation in the press about potential school re-opening. All information in the press is pure speculation and I will inform you immediately when I have actual, 'factual information'. I can assure you that as a school we are very keen to reopen but we will only do this when we are assured it is safe to do so. Therefore, regrettably the methods of learning for students, as described below, will continue for the foreseeable future or until an announcement otherwise is made by the UK/Welsh Government.

During this period, much of our work will continue to be undertaken remotely, outside of the occasions when we will be providing childcare at Ysgol Y Ddraig as part of the HUB 12 model. Please read below as to how contact can be made with the school during this period.

1. School provision for key workers:

**Provision Monday 20 April and onwards:**

If you require a place for your son/daughter in the Hub 12 provision based in Ysgol Y Ddraig, please apply for your place via the Vale of Glamorgan website:

[www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ChildCareHubs](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ChildCareHubs)

**Applications must be made by 4.00 pm every Friday for provision the following week (Monday 7.00 am - Sunday 7.00 pm).**

If Hub 12 does not receive any bookings for a particular day, it will be closed to ensure the safety of all, and staff will work remotely.

2. Vulnerable children: Phone calls will continue to be made to parents/guardians of pupils who the school has identified may need additional support at this time.
3. Pastoral support for pupils: A 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. The email is: [pupilsupport@llantwitschool.org.uk](mailto:pupilsupport@llantwitschool.org.uk)
4. Communication: Even though we are moving to a hub model of working, Llantwit Major School Office staff will continue to answer calls between 8.30am – 3.00pm remotely and are responding to emails on [llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:llantwitmajorhs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk)

5. Online Learning: An updated letter outlining how your child will continue with informal learning will be sent home every Monday at around 8.30 am. This will restart on Monday 20 April.
6. External Exams: Please see letters on the school website sent out to Year 10 and Year 12 on 31 March 2020 and a general letter sent out to Year 11 and 13 on 23 March 2020. Please see more information on the Qualifications Wales Website.
7. GCSE & A level exam results: The Government has confirmed that this year's **GCSE students** will get their results on **Thursday 20 August**, while those who are awaiting **A/AS level** results will get theirs on **Thursday 13 August**. These dates are the same as those published at the start of this academic year
8. Free School Meals: From Wednesday 1 April, parents will be provided with vouchers either via email or by post from the Local Authority. In addition, the school is in the process of making contact with the parents of pupil's eligible for free school meals to see if we can provide any further assistance during these challenging times.

Please be aware that although the school will continue to be closed 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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**Headteacher**