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Dear Parent/ Guardian

You will be well aware we have received a positive test result of COVID 19.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few points and to help put your minds at ease.

Ysgol Bryn Deva has been separated into 4 wings, within each wing there are up to 3 contact groups who remain separate, there are 11 contact groups in total:

The reason we have the 4 wings and 11 contact groups, staggered opening and closing times as well as separate play and lunch breaks is so that pupils from different contact groups are separated from mixing with each other. This act will reduce the risk of the virus spreading throughout the whole school and we will be able to continue to keep Ysgol Bryn Deva open.

This means that children (not the other members of their household) and staff from any affected contact group **MUST** self-isolate for 14 days. The contact group can then return to school provided they are not showing any COVID-19 symptoms. The contact group concerned will remain in contact with school via see saw or google classrooms. It is our intention to have see saw running throughout the school.

Staff in Bryn Deva remain with their contact group. Where staff cover is required, so that staff can plan assess, we use our own staff to support in those classes.

Many of you have questions regarding siblings of the children which are self-isolating.

Some of the questions could include:

· 'If my son from Contact group Nursery is self-isolating, does his sister from Year 3 have to as well?'

The answer is **NO**. Siblings from all other Contact Groups are expected to come back to school as normal.

· 'I am worried sick and I don't know whether to send my daughter from Year 6 in?'

The answer is –Your daughter is fine to return to school and advice and reassurance will be given by all staff if you need it.

· 'If I'm the only parent/ carer who can bring my children to school. One child being in contact group in the isolating class and the other is in year 4 what do I do?'

My answer is, 'you can bring both children with you to drop the sibling off. Provided you make sure that you drop the sibling off at 9.20am (after all the children have entered the building) and pick them up at 2.45pm(before the children leave the building) from the main reception area. In doing this, it will ensure that pupils from different contact groups don't come into contact with each other.

We as staff and you as parents understand what an anxious time this is at the moment. We do have a very good operation model in school which is very effective and your amazing children have adapted extremely well to the 'new norm'. If we all continue to work together and adhere to the safety guidelines we will all ensure that we make school as safe as possible. Please stay 2 metres from each other at collection times.

· What do I do if my child is displaying symptoms? How do I know if they need a test?If your child displays the following symptoms (see link below for list of symptoms)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>,

please book them in for a test by phoning 111 or through the online portal:

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Finally, and most importantly can I again reassure you and your children that all measures undertaken are only precautionary and just standard good practice. I do understand that you need reassurance and have many questions.

Kind regards

Helen Evans

