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Dear parent / carer,

Due to positive Covid test results in both year groups, with regret we have to inform you that all students who were in school at all last week in Years 8 and 9 will now need to self-isolate until they are allowed to return to school on **Tuesday 20th October.** Lessons will of course continue in 'Blended Learning' format online using Google Classroom for everyone and any families unable to access Google Classroom should contact school immediately. Although students who were not in school at all last week do not actually require self-isolation it will be necessary for them to follow their curriculum from home throughout this period.

We appreciate that this is less than an ideal situation for any family, but we must adhere to Welsh Government directives and do all we can to protect each other and our loved ones. Please do not call or email school to question TTP (Test, Trace and Protect) and Government guidance as we have no authority to do anything other than abide by these, and Covid issues take legal priority over GDPR with regard to the privacy of data held by school.

You will receive official confirmation of this information through a school emailed letter as soon as data bases have been submitted to TTP. It is our understanding that TTP will text message families on occasions over the coming days.

Thank you very much for your kind understanding as we each do all we can to beat this virus and maintain a high standard of education for all our children. I genuinely appreciate how demanding this time will be for some families.

Mr P. Edwards