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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware of the announcement made earlier today by Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education in Wales that schools should now close for the Easter break on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. This is clearly a significant move forward and the statement appears to indicate that this is designated as Easter holidays being brought forward but there are a number of matters referenced in the announcement that Directors of Education are seeking clarification on from Welsh Government this afternoon. Please read the statement for yourselves at <https://gov.wales/statement-minister-education-kirsty-williams-school-closures-wales>

For Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March we will remain open to students in years 10, 11, 12 and 13. Unfortunately school will remain closed for students in years 7-9 except for students whose parents/carers are NHS workers. In an effort to support the NHS at this challenging time, these students will be able to attend and should report to the Eluned Parry Hall first thing in the morning.

As was the case today, students not attending in years 7 to 9 have access to online learning platforms such as Google Classroom and MathsWatch and work is available through those channels. You will have received a parent/carers' guide to Google Classroom earlier today and some more general work can also be found on the following:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>

I will continue to update you on a daily basis this week via email, our website and social media feeds. Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this time.

*Paula Williams*

Headteacher