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Dear Parent / Carer,

Further to the recent announcement by Welsh Health Minister Vaughan Gething relating to the developing Covid-19 situation, there are currently no plans at present to close schools. We are however closely monitoring the unfolding situation via discussion with health and council officials and whilst we are adopting a 'business as usual' approach at the moment, our first priority remains the welfare of our students and staff at all times. It is in this context that I remind you of the following:-

- If it is necessary to close the school overnight, we will post a message on the school website and on our social media feeds. We will also inform Flintshire LA of this situation who will post details of school closures on their website [www.flintshire.gov.uk](http://www.flintshire.gov.uk)
- In the very unlikely event that we are forced to close during the school day, we will contact our bus companies and request that they collect students from school as soon as they are able, and follow their usual routes to drop students off. We will email parents / carers and use our website and official school social media feeds to inform you of the forced closure immediately.
- In this situation, students who come to school on foot will be allowed to return home on foot, but upon receipt of the news of an imminent closure, parents / carers should make arrangements for the collection of those who are normally dropped off by car at their earliest convenience.
- Please ensure that all students have a place to go in the event that school closes during the working day.

We are indeed in unknown territory at present, and certainly hope that a forced school closure at short notice will be unnecessary. I can assure you that such decisions would only be taken if absolutely necessary, and in the best interests of our students and staff. If the school needs to close for an extended period of time then we will of course, keep in touch with families using our website, social media and via e-mail. As I have already indicated in a previous email, our staff team is preparing to be able to continue delivering learning experiences, as best we can, using online resources such as Google Classroom, BBC Bitesize, MathsWatch etc and hard copies of materials.

Thank you for your ongoing support in such unprecedented and challenging times, and can I remind you of the advice for you and your children from Public Health Wales below.

*Paula Williams*

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You should stay at home for **7 days** if you have either:

- **a high temperature**
- **a new continuous cough**

For more information on self-isolation, visit [phw.wales.nhs/coronavirus](http://phw.wales.nhs/coronavirus)

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