

## Urgent message from the Headteacher - school closure

We have just received notification that schools have been directed to close by Friday 20th March until further notice. Please find below a link to the Minister for Education's statement: <a href="https://gov.wales/statement-minster-education-kirsty-williams-school-closures-wales">https://gov.wales/statement-minster-education-kirsty-williams-school-closures-wales</a>

Due to staffing being at a critical level, we have had to make the decision to close the school for pupils in Years 7,8 and 9 with immediate effect from today. Please note that school is open as normal for pupils in Years 10,11,12 &13 tomorrow, Thursday 19th March; this final day will be crucial for students in these year groups to receive the most up-to-date and essential guidance to support them in home learning in preparation for their exams and also be further supported in regard to their wellbeing. Please can we urge parents/carers of children in these year groups to send your child to school, should they be fit and well as messages they receive from staff will be crucial.

Essential guidance for parents/carers in regard to your child's home learning for all year groups and key support for your child's wellbeing will also be sent to you via school comms and will be available on our website. In the meantime please find attached essential guidance for parents in specific regard to exceptional school closure. School is closed to all pupils on Friday 20th March.

In such extraordinary times, please take good care of yourselves and know that we will continue to do everything possible to support our young people and families, albeit remotely, in every possible way.

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Headteacher