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Dear Parent/Carer,

As another successful week draws to a close, I would like, once again to provide several updates and further information.

Coronavirus Lockdown

As you may have seen in the press throughout the week, Welsh Government has stated that there is a “growing consensus” that new measures are needed to respond to the virus. Ministers have confirmed that serious consideration is being given to the idea of a “circuit or fire break”. At present, no decision has been reached and we have received no additional information regarding whether or not such a decision would include schools. Please be assured, however, that if and when further details are released, we will be advising you of the situation and the school’s plans for supporting our pupils.

You will recall that we have already created and disseminated a home learning timetable that would operate in the event of a year group needing to isolate. Should there be a whole school lockdown, we will provide you with an additional information pack which will clarify the procedures for home learning.

The Provision of Face Coverings

Within last week’s letter, we explained that a growing number of pupils are forgetting to bring their own face coverings to school. Now, more than ever, this is a vitally important item and at least one covering needs to be packed for school each day. We would like to remind you that we are able to provide high quality, reusable, three ply coverings at the heavily subsidised price of £1. These are available at school reception.

We also have a relatively small stock remaining of disposable coverings but, in a bid to support the drive to remain environmentally friendly, these should be used as a last resort only. Every pupil will be issued with a further 2 coverings at the start of the next half term, free of charge.

Coronavirus Protocols

You may recall that within a recent letter, we highlighted a number of possible Coronavirus related scenarios and explained what needed to be done and when your child should return to school. There appears, however, to be some confusion surrounding the situation of when one family member is displaying symptoms and awaiting a test. We would like to draw your attention to the following information and politely remind you that if one family member finds themselves in this position, then ***the whole family must isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received.***

For further guidance of this nature, please refer to our letter dated 17th September, a copy of which may be found on the school web stie.

What To Do If.....	Action Required	Return To School
<p>My child has COVID-19 <i>symptoms</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back • A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours; and/or • A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not send your child to school • Inform the school • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days • Arrange a test • Inform the school immediately about the test result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative or • After 10 days if the test is positive

Printing Top- Up

In response to a number of pupil requests, we are delighted to share with you that pupils may now top up their printing account via Parent Pay at home. When logging into the account, you will note that the option to purchase printing has been added to the menu. This protocol will further reduce movement around the school and speed up the process for our learners. If you have not yet signed up for Parent Pay, please may we encourage you to do so as this will not only provide access to a range of purchasing options but will, of course, remain a key platform for communicating messages to you – particularly in the event of a full or partial lockdown. For further information please contact Mrs Sarah Young - YoungS11@Hwbcymru.net.

Pupil Behaviour – Local Community

Whilst we remain mindful of how frustrating it must be for pupils to have a reduced selection of extra-curricular activities in the current climate, we have been disappointed to receive a number of messages and visits from members of our local community regarding some of our pupils. It would appear that a small number of learners are, after school, behaving inappropriately and even rudely, in certain areas around the community. In particular, several residents of Sovereign Chase Park have shared with us their upset surrounding the rudeness and anti-social behaviour of some young people who have been wearing Cardiff High School uniform. Please may we politely ask that you remind your children of the need to behave sensibly and with respect on their journey to and from school.

Road Safety -School Gates

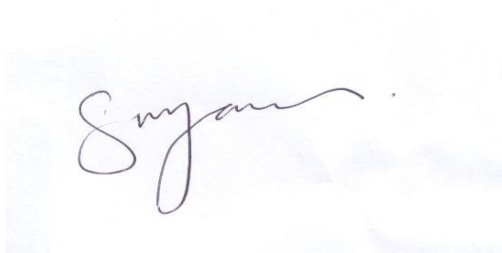
Pupil safety is evidently paramount and whilst we understand that many parents prefer to drop their children to school and pick them up, it is important that this is done appropriately and safely. Last week there was an incident where an accident was narrowly averted as a parent was dropping a pupil off and blocking both the school drive and the flow of traffic on Llandennis Road. We would respectfully ask that all parents drop pupils off away from the main entrance gates by stopping and parking safely on the Oval or in the surrounding area.

Interim Reports

A reminder that all pupils across all year groups will be issued with interim reports on Friday 23rd October. Should your child be absent on that day, the report will be posted home at the end of the day.

Please continue to use our website and follow our Twitter page for further updates and information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S M Jones', is centered on a light blue background.

S M JONES

Headteacher