

Cardiff High School Ysgol Uwchradd Caerdydd

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Whilst we were disappointed to have had to ask Year 10 to self-isolate for a period of time, we have been very pleased with the high level of engagement demonstrated by the majority of our pupils towards their blended learning. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in this. We look forward to welcoming them back to school on **Wednesday 25th November.** There have been no positive cases of Covid-19 amongst our pupils this week. We have been very pleased with the high level of attendance across the school again this week which has been almost 96%.

Covid-19 Update

We recognise that the rules and regulations surrounding Covid-19 can be confusing but it is very important that **if any member of your family has symptoms of Covid-19 and is awaiting a test result, your child must remain at home until a negative result is confirmed**. If a positive result is confirmed, they **must** remain in self-isolation for 14 days from the onset of symptoms.

Please could we ask that you continue to remind your child that hand sanitizer should be used **throughout** the school day. Hand sanitizing units have been placed in reception, on the wall of each classroom entrance, on the entrance to toilets, in the canteens and in a number of external areas. Public Health Wales have requested that we remind families that regular use of hand sanitizer, coupled with a robust hand washing regime will help slow the rate of transmission.

Each pupil has now been provided with a further 2 face coverings, free of charge, from the local authority. Please remind your child to bring at least one mask in per day and to wear this whilst in communal areas.

Punctuality

You will recall that, in order to create a staggered lunch time provision, we have altered the school day for this academic year. This means that lessons actually begin at 8.40am. A number of pupils are still arriving late for this period and, consequently, missing out on crucial aspects of their learning. Please can you work with us to ensure that your child arrives by 8.35am in readiness for Period 1.

Young Carers

In a bid to ensure that all pupils who are undertaking a caring role at home are fully supported, a letter will be sent to all families by Mrs Alison Venn. This will be sent during the course of the next few days and a copy can be found on the school web site. For any further details, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Venn - VennA4@Hwbcymru.net

School Newsletter

Thank you for your positive comments regarding this term's newsletter. They have been much appreciated. If you have not had chance to look at this yet, it is available on the school web site.

Charity Fundraising Day

As mentioned in last week's letter, we were delighted to see such a positive response to our fundraising day on 13th November. A significant amount of money has now been donated to *Children In Need, The Kids Cancer Charity* and *AP Cymru*. Thank you.

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher