



YSGOL GYNRADD GYMRAEG BRYN-Y-MÔR

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you all for a successful trial of the staggered pick up times. It seems to be working far more fluidly but more importantly, it's working safely. We will continue to review the staggered end of day and will inform you as soon as it is possible to change the arrangements. The main constraints are that we have to ensure that all adults maintain a safe distance from each other, which includes around the scaffolding and the one way entry /exit area onto the yard.

TTP (Test Trace Protect) and Communication

We are aware that the Coronavirus pandemic is a worrying time for all. Ysgol Bryn y Môr is committed to adhering to all public health advice, guidance and requirements in order to provide the safest possible environment for pupils and staff while also protecting the wider community. This includes playing our part in Test Trace Protect. We hope that members of the school community, including parents and carers, can understand it is not appropriate for schools to share information on potential Covid-19 cases relating to specific individuals in the school. Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) this is personal health information and shouldn't be widely shared.

However, we can reassure you that contact tracers will get in touch with the school if there is a suspected cluster or potential outbreak and they will ask for all the relevant information to ensure that any contacts are traced and advised of the next steps. The relevant public health teams will also advise the school on what action to take and we will follow it and keep you updated.

Colds, Flu and Corona Virus

We are heading into that time of the year when it's very common for children to start catching a cold or flu. School staff always want to be supportive and help in any way possible. However, when it comes to making decisions about your child's health, or the health of your family we ask that you follow these guidelines.

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Can my child come to school?

Please use this guide to aid decision making. If you are still uncertain you should contact NHS Direct 111 or your GP.

1. Does your child or anyone in your home have one of the following symptoms?

- a **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If the answer is **YES** to **ANY ONE** of the above symptoms, for anyone in your household, your child **CANNOT** be in school, no matter how mild the symptoms are.

Contact <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus> to arrange tests as soon as possible, for anyone who is symptomatic.

If a test comes back **negative**, your child can return to school as long as:

- Everyone they live with who has symptoms tests negative
- Everyone in their 'extended household' who has symptoms tests negative
- Your household were **not** told to self-isolate by NHS Test Trace Protect
- They feel well

If a test comes back **positive**:

- The individual must self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptoms first appeared
- The individual's household must self-isolate for 14 days.
- Continue to self-isolate beyond 10 days if there is still a high temperature and seek medical advice.
- You do not need to self-isolate beyond 10 days if a cough has continued.

2. Has your child been identified as a contact via Test, Trace, Protect (TTP)?

If the answer is **YES**, your child **CANNOT** be in school. You must:

- Arrange a test for everyone identified as a contact in your household, if they show symptoms.
- Ensure all TTP contacts self-isolate for 14 days, even without symptoms and even if a test result comes back negative.

3. Have you been abroad recently?

If the answer is **YES**, and the country was on Welsh Government's quarantine list at the time of your return, your child **CANNOT** be in school, regardless of symptoms or test results. Please inform us of the date you returned to the UK and wait until the quarantine period ends. If after this period no one in your household has symptoms they can return to school.

4. Does your child have a runny nose, sore throat etc. (non-Covid symptoms)?

- If you feel your child is well enough to come into school, they can, as long as they do not develop any of the official Covid-19 symptoms.
- Children should practise the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' approach, using the tissues and bins provided.
- Usual rules, such as not coming in until 48 hours after a bout of sickness, continue to apply.

If you are still uncertain you should contact NHS Direct 111

We must be able to contact you at all times when your child is in school in case they develop symptoms. Thank you in anticipation of your support, in helping to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The link for testing is:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

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Snacks

Please make sure your child brings in a healthy snack and drink into school every day with their name clearly marked.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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