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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well.

Over the Christmas period, there have been some developments which impact on schools and your respective headteacher will be contacting you to explain how they will affect you.

Some changes will affect all of you and I thought it might be helpful to set these out.

Testing

We will see far more use of lateral flow testing (LFTs) this term. Secondary aged pupils and all school staff will now be asked to test on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and to book a PCR and isolate if they have a positive LFT result.

If your child is identified as a close contact, they will be required to do a LFT daily for 7 days.

If you are a parent of a primary aged pupil over 5 years old, you can obtain these tests online by visiting https://gov.wales/get-rapid-lateral-flow-covid-19-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms or from participating local pharmacies, the list of which can be found on the aforementioned link. If you are unable to do this, primary schools have a very small supply available for emergencies.

We will be expanding the number of places where you can obtain LFTs within Caerphilly Borough shortly

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Annwyl Riant/Ofalydd

Rwy'n gobeithio eich bod chi'n cadw'n iawn.

Dros gyfnod y Nadolig, bu rhai datblygiadau sy'n effeithio ar ysgolion a bydd eich pennaeth chi yn cysylltu â chi i egluro sut y bydd y datblygiadau hyn yn effeithio arnoch chi.

Bydd rhai newidiadau yn effeithio ar bob un ohonoch chi ac roeddwn i'n meddwl y gallai fod yn ddefnyddiol nodi'r rhain.

Profi

Bydd llawer mwy o brofion llif unffordd (LFT) yn cael eu defnyddio y tymor hwn. Bellach, bydd rhaid i ddisgyblion oed uwchradd a holl staff yr ysgol gael prawf bob dydd Llun, dydd Mercher a dydd Gwener a chael prawf adwaith cadwynol polymerasau (PCR) ac ynysu os oes ganddyn nhw ganlyniad prawf LFT positif.

Os yw'ch plentyn chi yn cael ei enwi fel cysylltiad agos, bydd gofyn iddo wneud prawf LFT bob dydd am 7 diwrnod.

Os ydych chi'n rhiant i ddisgybl oed cynradd dros 5 oed, gallwch chi gael y profion hyn ar-lein drwy fynd i llyw.cymru/prawf-covid-19-cyflym-heb-symptomau neu o fferyllfeydd lleol sy'n cymryd rhan; mae'r rhestr ar gael ar y ddolen uchod. Os na allwch chi wneud hyn, mae gan

and we will update you in due course.

Staff shortages

You will be aware of the impact of Covid upon staff attendance. Headteachers are currently assessing their situations but, as you can imagine, the picture will change daily and supply staff are not always available to cover. Schools will do their absolute best to be open for on-site learning, but it is increasingly likely that there will be a need to move to remote learning in some circumstances. Notice may well be quite short, and we ask for your patience and understanding in this disrupted period. Schools are required to have adequate staffing and all decisions will be made in line with reviewed risk assessments and in discussion with the local authority. There will be limited capacity for children of prioritised critical workers and vulnerable pupils, but this will be determined by staff capacity and, therefore, once again, I would ask for your understanding in this period.

Free School Meals

The FSM deliveries will take place week commencing the 14th of February. All parents will receive text messages confirming their individual delivery day. The meals delivered at that time will cover the half term holidays and any days that children may have missed due to the remote learning scenarios mentioned above and isolation periods. Parents can contact the catering department on

ysgolion cynradd gyflenwad bach iawn ar gael ar gyfer argyfyngau.

Byddwn ni'n ehangu nifer y lleoedd lle gallwch chi gael profion LFT ym Mwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili yn fuan a byddwn ni'n rhoi gwybod i chi maes o law.

Prinder staff

Byddwch chi'n ymwybodol o effaith COVID-19 ar bresenoldeb staff. Ar hyn o bryd, mae penaethiaid yn asesu eu sefyllfaoedd nhw ond, fel y gallwch chi ddychmygu, bydd hyn yn newid bob dydd ac nid yw staff cyflenwi ar gael bob amser. Bydd ysgolion yn gwneud eu gorau glas i fod ar agor ar gyfer dysgu ar y safle, ond mae'n fwyfwy tebygol y bydd angen symud i ddysgu o bell mewn rhai amgylchiadau. Efallai y bydd rhybudd yn eithaf byr, a gofynnwn ni am eich amynedd a'ch dealltwriaeth chi yn ystod y cyfnod hwn o darfu.Mae'n ofynnol bod gan ysgolion ddigon o staff a bydd pob penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud yn unol ag asesiadau risg adolygedig ac mewn trafodaeth â'r awdurdod lleol. Bydd capasiti cyfyngedig i blant gweithwyr hanfodol wedi'u blaenoriaethu a disgyblion agored i niwed, ond bydd hyn yn cael ei bennu yn ôl capasiti staff ac, felly unwaith eto, byddwn ni'n gofyn am eich dealltwriaeth chi yn ystod y cyfnod hwn.

catering@caerphilly.gov.uk or 01443 864055 if they wish to discuss their delivery options, arrange a click and collect alternative or to pause their delivery for this period.

TTP

Anyone with a positive test result should follow the isolation rules set out at gov.wales/self-isolation.

As you are aware, there has been a huge rise in case numbers over the last few weeks and the TTP service is very busy at present. You may be contacted by text message and asked to complete an online form. This e-form gathers data about who your child has seen and where they have been during their infectious period. The form is a standard form and will ask a series of questions which do not naturally fit your child's circumstances, so for the questions listed below – we would be grateful if you provide the following information:

- Are they employed? Please answer YES.
- What is their employment status? You should select STUDENT as the answer to this question
- What is their main place of employment? Please add the name of your child's school for this question.

This information is very important as it helps us to warn the school of a positive case very quickly

Prydau ysgol am ddim

Bydd y danfoniadau FSM yn digwydd wythnos yn dechrau'r 14eg o Chwefror. Bydd pob rhiant yn derbyn negeseuon testun yn cadarnhau eu diwrnod danfon unigol. Bydd y prydau bwyd a gyflwynir ar yr adeg honno yn cwmpasu'r gwyliau hanner tymor ac unrhyw ddiwrnodau y gallai plant fod wedi'u colli oherwydd y senarios dysgu o bell a grybwyllir uchod a chyfnodau ynysu. Gall rhieni gysylltu â'r adran arlwyo ar arlwyo@caerphilly.gov.uk neu 01443 864055 os ydyn nhw am drafod eu hopsiynau dosbarthu, trefnu clic a chasglu dewis arall neu oedi eu danfoniad am y cyfnod hwn.

Profi, Olrhain, Diogelu

Dylai unrhyw un sydd â chanlyniad prawf positif ddilyn y rheolau ynysu wedi'u nodi yma: llyw.cymru/canllawiau-hunanynysu.

Fel y gwyddoch chi, bu cynnydd enfawr yn nifer yr achosion dros yr wythnosau diwethaf ac mae'r gwasanaeth Profi, Olrhain, Diogelu yn brysur iawn ar hyn o bryd. Efallai y bydd neges destun yn cael ei hanfon atoch chi yn gofyn i chi lenwi ffurflen ar-lein. Mae'r e-ffurflen hon yn casglu data am bwy mae'ch plentyn chi wedi'i weld a ble mae eich plentyn chi wedi bod yn ystod ei gyfnod heintus. Ffurflen safonol yw hon a bydd yn gofyn cyfres o gwestiynau nad ydyn nhw'n naturiol yn gweddu i amgylchiadau eich

and provide the correct advice to any contacts identified by you and your child. If this information is missing, there will be significant delays in us providing advice to the correct people.

We thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Keri Cole, Chief Education Officer

Caerphilly County Borough Council

plentyn chi, felly, ar gyfer y cwestiynau isod, byddem ni'n ddiolchgar pe baech chi'n darparu'r wybodaeth ganlynol:

- A yw'n gyflogedig? Atebwch YDY.
- Beth yw ei statws cyflogaeth? Dylech chi ddewis MYFYRIWR fel yr ateb i'r cwestiwn hwn
- Beth yw ei brif le cyflogaeth? Nodwch enw ysgol eich plentyn chi ar gyfer y cwestiwn hwn.

Mae'r wybodaeth hon yn bwysig iawn gan ei bod yn ein helpu ni i rybuddio'r ysgol o achos positif yn gyflym iawn a darparu'r cyngor cywir i unrhyw gysylltiadau rydych chi a'ch plentyn chi wedi'u nodi. Os yw'r wybodaeth hon ar goll, bydd oedi sylweddol wrth ddarparu cyngor i'r bobl gywir.

Diolchwn i chi am eich cydweithrediad parhaus.

Keri Cole, Prif Swyddog Addysg

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili