

September 7th 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am sorry to have to inform you that a positive test of Covid-19 was reported to the school this afternoon involving a pupil in Year 7. This pupil attended school on Friday, their first day at school, and regrettably tested positive for the virus on the weekend. The pupil did not attend school today. As soon as the school was informed about the positive test result, prompt action was taken to safeguard the wellbeing of pupils, teachers and staff.

In consultation with the National Health Protection Cell of Public Health Wales, the School has now been advised that **all** pupils in Year 7 will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This will mean that children in Year 7 will be not able to return to school until **Monday 21st September**. Online learning will be provided during this period, and we will be in touch over the next few days to share further information and plans for continuity of learning.

All other year groups will attend school as planned, and the school will continue to work closely alongside Bridgend County Borough Council during this period.

We fully understand the concern that this may cause, and can assure you that we have worked in close liaison with the Local Authority's Health and Safety team prior to opening, and with Public Health Wales this evening, to ensure that the environment at Bryntirion Comprehensive School remains as safe as possible for your child during these extraordinarily difficult times.

We are all bitterly disappointed at having to share this news with you. We are sorry for the upset and inconvenience this will cause, particularly as Year 7 have made such a positive start to their school life at Bryntirion

This is still an ongoing process, and pupils, parents and carers will be kept up to date on any new arrangements or further information

Yours sincerely

RK Pawar – Headteacher

