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Dear Parent

We have been advised by the NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect service that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Penygarn Community Primary School.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and NHS Wales Test, Trace and Protect to ensure that all the appropriate measures are in place to protect students, staff and the wider community. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and to provide advice on how to support your child.

All close contacts of the case have been identified and have received appropriate advice to self-isolate. A **close contact** is defined as:

- someone within 1 metre of you with whom you have had a face-to-face conversation, had skin-to-skin physical contact, you have coughed on, or been on other forms of contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer;
- someone within 2 metres of you for more than 15 minutes;
- someone you have travelled in a vehicle with, or seated near you in public transport.

**Your child has *not* been identified as a close contact and therefore does not need to self-isolate and does not require testing for COVID-19.** Penygarn Community Primary School remains open and they can continue to attend as usual.

If your child has or does develop symptoms of COVID-19 they should get tested as soon as possible. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- fever (greater than 37.8°C);
- new persistent/continuous cough; and/or
- loss or change in sense of taste or smell.

If your child or anyone in your household develops any of these symptoms, however mild, they need to stay at home (10 days for the person with symptoms and 10 days for the rest of the household), seek a test as soon as possible and follow the guidance at <https://gov.wales/self-isolation-stay-home-guidance-households-possible-coronavirus>.

[Further detail](https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-19-test) on how to apply for a test is provided at <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-19-test> or simply call the free phone number 119 between the hours of 7am to 11pm. Please make sure you keep the school informed.

The process of testing and contact tracing is part of the 'new normal' where schools and settings are required to follow these guidelines carefully. The latest information on Coronavirus testing and tracing can be found on the Welsh Government's website on <https://gov.wales/education-settings-coronavirus-testing-and-contact-tracing-guidance>.

Yours sincerely

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