



## **NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect Service**

Dear Parent or Guardian

We have been advised of a further confirmed case of COVID-19 within Year 6.

As you are already aware, your child has been assessed by the NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect Service and has been identified as being in close contact with two confirmed cases within Penygarn Community Primary School. It is therefore very important that we all play our part in reducing spread of infection in our school and community by ensuring strict compliance with self-isolation requirements.

Self-isolation means that your child must not leave the home, must not mix with others outside of the home environment and cannot go out for exercise, unless this is within the home or garden. Visitors are also not allowed in your home, including friends and family whilst your child is self-isolating, with the exception of those providing essential care.

**Your child must continue to self-isolate until the end of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021.** The Welsh Government guidance requires close contacts with a confirmed COVID-19 case, to self-isolate for 10 days since the last contact with the confirmed case. This is because it can take time for the symptoms to develop.

Whilst I appreciate that the difficulties that isolation can bring to parents and guardians, failure to self-isolate is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or prosecution. The Test, Trace, Protect Service work closely with Gwent Police and will share information where we believe that individuals may not be self-isolating.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind you that members of your household family are not required to self-isolate, but should still follow the general social distancing and extended household contact guidance during the isolation period.

If your child or anyone else in your household develops symptoms of Covid-19, however mild, they must 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>.

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Further detail 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 your child's school informed.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss the requirement to self-isolate further, please do not hesitate to contact the Test, Trace Protect Service on 01633 648173 or by e-mailing [trackandtrace@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:trackandtrace@torfaen.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Austin', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

**Jason Austin**

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