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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, many thanks to you for your continued support of the school at this challenging time. Thanks should also be extended to those pupils who have been able to attend school. For those families who are experiencing symptoms, we wish you a speedy recovery – the whole school community is thinking of you.

We are continuing to provide a calm and safe environment in which your child can learn and continue to promote the need for effective hand and respiratory hygiene. At the time of writing this letter, the guidance from Public Health Wales continues to be that anyone who has a new persistent cough and/or fever should self-isolate for **14 days** along with the co-habitants of the household. Any child who displays these symptoms at school will be isolated and parents will be called immediately to collect.

I remind you our main source of information is the Public Health Wales website: <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Our over-riding objective at this time has been to keep the school open for as long as possible. I must stress, however, that this situation is incredibly fluid and I am regularly conducting dynamic risk assessments as to the safety and possible continuity of education for our pupils. You will understand that we have our own staff with medical needs who have been instructed to self-isolate which puts stress on our ability to remain open. Should the need arise to partially or fully close the school I shall try to give you as much notice as possible. Likewise, should the Government direct closure I shall let you know.

I have today written to pupils informing them of how they will be expected to work from home should the school close. A copy of this letter has been attached for your information. I strongly recommend that students test they are able to log in to their email account, if this is something they have yet to do. If they have problems logging in they can notify their form tutor or email the address indicated on their letter for help.

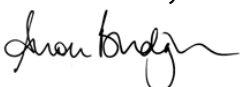
At present, we have very little capacity to support those students self-isolating whilst we continue to run lessons as normal in school. However, teachers have been working hard to try to balance the needs of all students. Please be patient and understand that we are doing our best, but we will of course, prioritise Year 11, 12 and 13 who have external examinations in the near future.

We still do not have any guidance from the exam board, the WJEC, or from the regulator, Qualification Wales, in respect of GCSE and AS/A Level qualifications. As soon as we do we will share it with you.

We shall continue to regularly update our dedicated webpage: <https://www.hawardenhigh.org.uk/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

As ever, thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Yours sincerely



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