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Dear Parent/Carer

You may have heard this afternoon the announcement by the Education Minister for Wales that schools across Wales will be closed from this Friday (20th March). At present, the closure will include the next two weeks and the Eastern Holidays until Monday 20th April when we are due to return.

To give parents time to organise childcare and to ensure we can maintain levels of staff supervision we will stagger the closure over the next few days as follows:

- Years 7, 8 & 9 will continue to attend lessons as normal tomorrow (**Thursday**) unless your child has an underlying health condition as stated by Public Health Wales
- Years 10 and 11 can work from home and access work from their Google Classroom spaces (details of this are available on the website)
- from **Friday** Years 7 & 8 may continue to attend school and work will be available online for Years 9, 10 & 11

**From Monday**, all pupils will all be able to follow their normal timetables online, where work is set for them to complete during normal lesson times. There will also be a facility to contact and speak with Year 11 teachers with regards to exam preparation questions. Click here to see guidance given to pupils on the website.

I am sorry for the inconvenience this will cause you, but as I mentioned in my letter earlier today, it is reaching the point where we have to balance adequate supervision and the health & wellbeing of our young learners, with their access to learning and the importance that carries with it. It has not been an easy decision for Welsh Government or schools to reach.

Over the next two days, we will be in touch with you again regarding the provision of free school meals (a decision is still to be made by the council regarding this) and the services we will still offer.

Difficult times which I hope we can all pull through safely and swiftly together. I wish you and your families' very best wishes, hope you all remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Armando Di-Finizio