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Dear Parent / Carer

In recent weeks a handful of schools across Wales, and a couple within Wrexham and Flintshire have been required to close all or part of their schools due to positive cases of COVID-19. These decisions are not taken lightly and have been precautionary measures on the advice of Public Health Wales.

We thought you would appreciate knowing what the process would be IF we find ourselves in a similar position.

Should Darland High School receive information about a positive test result from one of our students or a staff member we will also follow advice from Public Health Wales. This may mean temporary closure of one or more year groups dependent on the circumstances of the specific case.

Should this be the case we will inform parents via text of either of the two scenarios:

- Parents should keep their child / children at home until a specific date
- Parents should make their way to school to collect their children and keep them at home until a specific date.

(In the unlikely event that Public Health Wales advise us of the second option, we will continue to look after pupils safely until the parent is able to arrange collection. We will also waive the requirement to produce a 'school site pass' to access the site and a pick up system will be in place as parents arrive on site. You will be required to stay in your car and your child will be collected from their class and brought to you.)

Partial closure will be implemented if there is a potential increased risk to a specific year group, therefore if you do not receive a text about your child's year group you do not have to isolate your child and they can continue to attend school as normal.

Closure of the entire school is unlikely and would only be required as a last resort.

Pupils who are required to stay at home will be provided with work via the Google Classroom platform, all pupils should be aware of their Google Classroom details to access the work. If they require the details again, form tutors are able to share these, or please contact the school for support.

Please ensure we have your correct contact details for ease of communication.

Yours sincerely

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