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COVID – 19 Coronavirus

Dear Parent / Carer

Following the announcement by Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education, Elfed High School will close to all pupils with effect from tomorrow morning (Thursday 19th March 2020).

Announcements earlier this week regarding social distancing of those who are at increased risk of severe illness from Coronavirus (COVID – 19), had meant that a significant number of staff had fallen into the vulnerable category. Added to that were further staff that have partners / spouses that are also highly vulnerable.

Every day that passes there are fewer teachers available. It is clear that our ability to provide adequate levels of supervision and education would have been gravely compromised with such reduced levels of staffing.

Due to the expectation that schools would close at some point, we have been contingency planning for some time and our staff have received training in developing on-line work and resources that will allow pupils to continue with their studies from home. Students will be expected to access Show my Homework, Google Classroom and / or GCSE Pod. Work will be set using these platforms on a daily basis, following their normal timetable.

Although the school site will be closed, our teaching staff will continue to work and will be setting and marking pupil work and providing on-line feedback. I appreciate that this is not the same as face-to-face contact, but please be reassured that we will do all that we can to support our pupils through this difficult time.

For your information, I am aware that discussions are currently taking place at a national level with awarding bodies, to agree clear procedures for dealing with missed coursework or examinations as a result of school closures. I anticipate that appropriate arrangements will be made to ensure that young people are not disadvantaged. Once further clarification is received I will of course keep you informed. In the meantime, I do appreciate that the decision to close will have profound effects for many of our families, and I thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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