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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I do hope you are well and coping with the extraordinary times we are going through.

As announced on the 19th October by the First Minister, Wales is entering a short period of lockdown with secondary schools only to be open to Year 7 and 8 pupils for the week beginning 2nd November.

During this time the school will remain open to all staff and we will switch to online learning for Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. This means that the learners will access all work through Google Classroom. We will share more information next week with further instructions about how the online learning will work. Any learners who usually attend Year 10 /11 college courses or provision and all Year 12 / 13 LINC courses will access learning online on the same day as they would usually attend during a school week.

For the year groups that will not be in school it is important to remember that this is not an extended holiday, they are expected to work from home for this week.

As a school, we are extremely disappointed that five of our year groups have been asked to work from home for the week after half term, especially with most of these years having important examinations coming next year. Unfortunately, this is beyond our control, but we will do everything we can to ensure continuity of learning for these pupils and students.

If your child from Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 have issues accessing online learning please inform the school so that we can organise alternative arrangements. Pupils and students that were issued with a school device during the first lockdown must use these devices again to access the online work set by the teachers.

#### Key points

- Pupils and students in receipt of free school meals will once again have money paid into their parent's accounts. Direct Payments will be made for eligible Secondary Pupils (Yrs 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Payment will be made to families on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Any concerns please go to - <https://www.conwy.gov.uk/pydcovid>
- School Transport for Year 7 & 8 will carry on as normal with no change to the bus / taxi timetable.

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- The Year 7 and 8 pupils that remain in the school for the week after half term will continue to receive a full, broad and balanced curriculum. We will also make sure that we remain fully compliant with the latest COVID-19 guidance and ensure the safety of all staff and pupils.
- Pastoral staff will work over this period to make sure they contact any pupils that are highlighted as needing extra support. They will also contact any pupils and students that are not accessing the online work.
- Any students or members of our school community that have been instructed by Public Health Wales to isolate must continue to do so until the end of the time period highlighted in their letter.

Whilst in this temporary “firebreak lockdown”, it is essential all members of our school community follow the guidance and restrictions set out by the Welsh Government so that this period of partial closure can make a real difference to the spread of the virus in the future. I am sure you all join me in hoping that the measures they are putting in place will be the last that they need to impose on us all.

I will write to you all again, as and when we get further guidance from Welsh Government. In the meantime please refer to the Welsh Government Coronavirus Firebreak Frequently Asked Questions for any further clarification:

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-firebreak-frequently-asked-questions>

Stay safe!  
Best wishes,

Owain Gethin Davies  
Headteacher