



Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

We have been so fortunate here at Ysgol y Foel, thank you so far for helping keep everyone safe! This is just a quick reminder that we are now entering Cold and Flu season. Could we please ask that we continue to keep everyone safe during this time. If your child is unwell with cold symptoms, and over 5 could we please ask that a lateral flow test is completed before sending them to school, if negative and they are well enough they can come to school. If your child has any of the main three symptoms of COVID-19 please keep them at home and book a PCR test, upon a negative result they can come back to school.

### **Carol Singing around the village Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

We are very disappointed to say that we are cancelling the Carol Singing around the village after the after-school Club Party with the rise in cases, especially in the local area it would be an unnecessary risk to have a large group gathering, even though it is outdoors. There are factors involved beyond our control e.g. mask wearing, social distancing. We hope community events can resume in the New Year.

### **Changes to self-isolation – Omicron variant**

Please be advised that there have been changes to the self-isolation advice as a result of the Omicron variant. In particular: If you are a close contact of someone who is confirmed or suspected to have the Omicron variant, you must self-isolate from the day you were last in contact with the person who tested positive and for the next 10 days, regardless of your vaccination status or age. Contact tracers will let you know if your contact is a confirmed or suspected case of the Omicron variant.

You should also take a PCR test on day 2 and day 8. It is important that you take the tests even if you feel well as you may have COVID-19 even if you do not have symptoms.

Even if these tests are negative, you must complete the isolation period. This is because if you have been infected, it can take time for symptoms to develop or to become infectious to others.

If the variant is suspected, you must isolate until it has been confirmed that the person who has tested positive does not have an Omicron variant.

### **COVID 19 School Safety Rules Reminder**

- Masks at the gates please.
- All children will be able to arrive together between 8.45am and 8.55 am. Please arrive on time so teachers on duty can return to class.
- All children will finish school together and will be brought down to the gate at 3.20pm



- Drop off and pick up at the school gate, teachers will meet pupils at the front gates
- social distancing at the school gates please.
- Children only need their coats, drinks bottles, snack and lunch and all other equipment will be provided for them.
- PE Kits should be worn on a Monday and Forest School Clothes on a Friday.
- Breakfast Club from 7.45am please use the hall doors for access.
- After School Club will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5.20pm and MUST be pre-booked. Collection from the hall doors please.
- Children and staff will continue to sanitise and wash hands regularly throughout the day.
- Desks and doors will be wiped during the day and the school kept well ventilated.

## Christmas Crafts

Children have been busy making their Christmas crafts. This year they have made a Christmas craft bundle which consists of:

- Foundation Phase
  - Christmas Pudding (tree decoration)
  - Calendar
  - Snowman
  - Yule log
- Key Stage 2
  - Gonk (tree decoration)
  - Yule Log
  - Wooden Snowman
  - Keyring

Example picture to follow of bundles.

## Christmas Crafts Stall

Christmas craft will be on sale before the end of the after-school club Christmas party at 5:10pm. Parents can come to the front door wearing a mask and buy their bundle if they wish. The cost per bundle will be £10.00. The proceeds will go towards our new garden area. Pick up for the children coming out of the party will be at the front gates.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs E O'Neill  
Head Teacher