



20 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We write jointly as Conwy's Secondary Head Teachers to inform you of the next steps following further guidance from Welsh Government and Conwy Authority around school closures and opening in response to the coronavirus crisis.

As you are already aware schools will be closed from the end of the day 20/3/20 for a 4 week Easter break.

Following a joint planning day on Monday 23/3/20 at school and cluster level, from Tuesday, schools will re-open for a new purpose. This purpose is to provide care for the children of essential/key workers where there is **no other available childcare provision**.

Essential/key workers have been defined as :

- health workers – all those employed within the NHS
- blue light / emergency service officers
- social care workers
- supermarket delivery drivers
- prison officers and other prison staff
- probation service staff
- teaching staff and teaching assistants

We strongly recommend that if you are a keyworker and are able to provide alternative childcare provision for your children then you do this rather than send them to school. School is operating as a 'last resort' childcare facility for parents that don't have another option. We will rely on your honesty and clarity in this regard and hope that you would not put school staff and any other children at unnecessary risk.

Schools will also be providing a school meal for students eligible for free school meals, and we will forward details of these arrangements to you early next week.

Transport will continue as usual to support this and both this and the provision needed will be continuously monitored over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support in this difficult and challenging time. We send all our students and families our best wishes over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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And the Headteachers of Conwy Authority

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Annwyl Rieni / Gofalwyr,

Rydym yn ysgrifennu ar y cyd fel Penaethiaid Uwchradd Conwy i'ch hysbysu o'r camau nesaf yn dilyn arweiniad pellach gan Lywodraeth Cymru ac Awdurdod Conwy ynghylch cau ysgolion ac agor mewn ymateb i'r argyfwng coronafirws.

Fel y gwyddoch eisoes, bydd ysgolion ar gau o ddiwedd y dydd 20/3/20 am wyliau Pasg 4 wythnos.

Yn dilyn diwrnod cynllunio ar y cyd ddydd Llun 23/3/20 ar lefel ysgol a chlwstwr, o ddydd Mawrth ymlaen, bydd ysgolion yn ailagor at bwrpas newydd. Y pwrpas hwn yw darparu gofal i blant gweithwyr hanfodol / allweddol lle **nad oes darpariaeth gofal plant arall ar gael**.

Diffiniwyd gweithwyr hanfodol / allweddol fel:

- gweithwyr iechyd - pawb sy'n cael eu cyflogi o fewn y GIG
- swyddogion gwasanaethau brys / golau glas
- gweithwyr gofal cymdeithasol
- gyrwyr sy'n dosbarthu i archfarchnadoedd
- swyddogion a staff carchardai
- staff y gwasanaeth prawf
- staff addysgu a chynorthwyyr addysgu

Rydym yn argymhell yn gryf, os ydych chi'n weithiwr allweddol ac yn gallu darparu darpariaeth gofal plant arall i'ch plant, yna rydych chi'n gwneud hyn yn hytrach na'u hanfon i'r ysgol. Mae ysgol yn gweithredu fel cyfleuster gofal plant 'dewis olaf' i rieni nad oes ganddynt opsiwn arall. Byddwn yn dibynnu ar eich gonestrwydd a'ch eglurder yn hyn o beth ac yn gobeithio na fyddech chi'n peryglu staff ysgol ac unrhyw blant eraill.

Bydd ysgolion hefyd yn darparu pryd ysgol i fyfyrwyr sy'n gymwys i gael prydau ysgol am ddim, a byddwn yn anfon manylion y trefniadau hyn atoch yn gynnar yr wythnos nesaf.

Bydd cludiant yn parhau fel arfer i gefnogi hyn a bydd hyn a'r ddarpariaeth sydd eu hangen yn cael eu monitro'n barhaus dros yr wythnosau nesaf.

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth barhaus yn yr amser anodd a heriol hwn. Rydym yn dymuno pob dymuniad da i'n holl ddisgyblion a theuluoedd dros yr wythnosau nesaf.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir,

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