



ST CYRES SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

Following an announcement by the Minister of Education in Wales early this afternoon, I am writing to advise you of two important decisions that will affect staff and pupils at St Cyres School.

The school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 20th March 2020. It is not yet clear how long the school will be closed for, but as I understand it, there are no plans to reopen until after the Easter holidays at the earliest. I will continue to keep you informed and would encourage you to follow any relevant news coverage. For operational reasons, I have taken the decision to close the school for pupils in Years 7 and 8 tomorrow, Thursday 19th March, 2020. This is due to the large numbers of teachers and other staff who have been advised to self-isolate, based on the latest Government advice. This has significantly reduced our ability to maintain safe staffing levels.

As a school, we are well placed to deliver online lessons using our iPad scheme and teachers will use Google Classroom as a vehicle to deliver online content. This will continue to be the case and pupils have been informed how to access this.

The situation regarding the GCSE and A Level examination series is far from clear and we expect that Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education in Wales, will make a statement regarding this in the next few days.

Please be assured that I will keep you informed as soon as the situation changes and that all decisions made are based on advice at national level alongside the health and wellbeing of all staff and pupils.

Yours sincerely

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