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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will no doubt be aware, Kirsty Williams, Education Minister, yesterday announced that all secondary schools will close after today and move to online learning from Monday, 14th December as part of a national effort to reduce transmission of coronavirus.

During next week, all lessons will now take place online. In order to support your child's learning, we have put work into 'Microsoft Teams' so that pupils can access their subject work remotely. We will also be providing subject-specific instructional videos and some live learning lessons with classes. For more information on live learning, please see our school website.

Your child should follow their school timetable and undertake their usual 3 lessons a day. It is essential they follow their timetabled lessons as their class teacher will be available online to support then whilst they complete the work or to deliver live lessons. Work will be linked to what is currently being taught in school to support their learning, so it is important that they undertake the lessons so that they don't fall behind. Work can be completed online so there is no need to print anything, and your child's class teacher will monitor their progress. Heads of Year will liaise with class teachers to ensure that pupils are completing the work set.

For information regarding blended learning or how to access 'Microsoft Teams', please see the school's website.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, the voucher system will be in place for all eligible pupils. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Free School Meals directly at cashless.catering@cardiff.gov.uk

During next week, a school-based provision will be available for children of essential key workers. The school will be in contact with you if you are eligible for this provision.

Finally, it is crucial that your child stays at home during next week to keep learning and to stay safe. They must continue to follow national Covid-19 guidelines to reduce community transmission.

Thank you, for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

MRS D GILL Headteacher