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Dear Parent

Thank you for your continued support and appreciation given to us, as a school, as we navigate this challenging time. I hope you are all staying safe and doing everything to follow the guidance from Public Health Wales/England.

Since the Prime Minister’s latest guidance on ‘social distancing’, we have had to, and will have to, make some changes to provision. On Tuesday this week, following the guidance, some students at our school have had to self-isolate, as well as staff. Moving forward, we may reach a time when we do not have sufficient staff to open school.

At the moment, we are just about managing within our resources. This does mean though that the schedule of lessons and learning will change as we deploy available resources. We have already had to cancel our extra-curricular activities/clubs.

There may, of course, be in the very near future ‘a tipping-point’ when we do not have sufficient staff to open school. When this happens, we will start with a partial closure to certain Year groups before, if we have to, a move to full closure or we are directed by the Government or LA to full closure. We will give you as much notice as possible of any partial or full closure. This will be communicated on the school website and through ‘SIMS InTouch’. Please make sure you keep an eye on the website or look-out for emails from school.

When the school has to partially close, or fully close, we have prepared resources for students to continue with their learning. All students have received a guidance PowerPoint on how to access learning resources through their personal IT devices. This information has already been sent to parents via MILK and is also on the school website. For this information on the school website go to ‘News and Events’ Tab and then COVID-19 folder.

Teachers will be able to upload resources from lessons onto MILK which can be accessed through the message or Homework button. Students who have already self-isolated should be using the MILK app from now to access learning resources. Also, students will have access to FOLDR. This will allow them to use learning resources teachers have placed into shared folders on the school platform.

With regard to up-coming school events, Parents Evenings, curriculum and guidance evenings as well as school trips/visits, we will place information on our website as soon as we can.

Together, I know the MCS community will support and look after each other to get through this challenge.

Thank you.

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