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Date:

1 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers/School Staff

As schools return after the half-term break there have been changes to the guidance on self-isolation when somebody in your household has coronavirus symptoms or has tested positive for coronavirus. The new guidance is as follows:

Fully vaccinated or aged 5 to 17

If someone in your household has symptoms or has tested positive and you are fully vaccinated or aged 5 to 17 you should self-isolate and take a PCR test. If your test is negative you can stop isolating.

Not fully vaccinated

If someone in your household has tested positive and you are not fully vaccinated you should self-isolate for 10 days. You should take a PCR test on day 2 and day 8. You should self-isolate for 10 days even if your tests are negative.

Children aged under 5

Children aged under 5 do not have to self-isolate or take a test if they have been a contact of a positive case in their household or otherwise.

If you have any coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change of taste or smell), you should self-isolate at home and get a test. You should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Self-isolation applies to adults and children of all ages. Self-isolation means that you do not leave the house. You should self-isolate straight away if you have symptoms and until you receive the results of a COVID-19 PCR test.

This is a change to previous guidance, where siblings of positive cases could still be in school. From now on, pupils and staff will need a negative PCR test result before they can return to school if there is a case of Covid in the household.

Our schools continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the education of our children and young people have as little disruption as possible and the above will support us all in trying to have as normal a half-term as we can in the lead up to Christmas. We thank you all, as always, for supporting your schools with this.

The national alert level remains at ZERO for the next 3-weeks and the level of risk in Swansea Bay is currently equivalent to the “High” rating on our schools framework. This rating is reviewed regularly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Morgan-Rees". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Helen Morgan-Rees
Director of Education