

Dear Parents / Carers

Please see the information from the Local Authority/Welsh government.

The key principle is:

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be to limit the chances of the virus spreading.

Those qualifying pupils who attend school will not be attending normal lessons, rather they will be carrying out the same work that other students will be doing at home. There will be no expectation to wear school uniform during this time but the usual school hours will operate. Parent and carers will need to provide a packed lunch for their child unless they qualify for Free School Meals. Parents and carers will need to organise the necessary transport required for their child to attend.

All other students will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Students at home can access work via the school website. Please be patient with the web site as we have experienced a few minor problems due to many people trying to access the site at the same time. It may be easier to go onto the home learning section and download the materials to your computer, laptop etc... so you have it readily available rather than revisiting the site.

Furthermore, please consider the following:

- We have been asked to implement "social distancing", something that is not possible in a schools environment;
- if you or your child exhibits new symptoms related to Covid19 then please follow the social distancing guidelines set out by Public Health England and self-isolate as a group for the recommended 14 days to reduce the possibility of transfer of infection;

Finally, may I remind parents and carers that the staff have their own families to care for in these difficult times and I would request that they are not contacted via Class Dojo out of school hours. They will not be in a situation to respond to questions whilst looking after their own families. If the matter is urgent, please contact me on head@berriew.powys.sch.uk as I will be checking daily to keep up to date with developments from the Local Authority.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support during this difficult time, and stay safe.

Sean Clarke