



FORDEN SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 5th November

End of School Day

From Monday 8th November onwards, parents will need to come onto the school playground to collect their child at the end of the school day. There are a number of reasons for this change.

- There is much more room for parents/carers who wish to maintain social distancing.
- Children will be accompanied by parents before going out through the road gate. We have witnessed a number of children needing to step onto the road to reach their parent who is stood on the pavement.
- Staff can identify parents/carers more easily. It is increasingly difficult to see who is waiting as the sun is directly behind parents at the gate and with hoods/hats and masks they cannot be easily identified.

There is a new fence currently being installed to ensure the back of school is secure during school hours. Children will be kept behind this fence (once completed) until collected by their parent/carer. Please do not bring any dogs onto the school playground. Please remember smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted on school grounds.

Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

Items can be purchased from the box on the playground at the end of school each day next week. Money should be deposited in the honesty box on the table.

Heating / Ventilation

To ensure there is adequate ventilation in classrooms, a number of windows are permanently open during the day. Despite the heating being on, it can become quite cool in school. Children are welcome to wear a body-warmer/gilet in class if they wish, or an extra layer underneath their school uniform. They will still need coats for playtime.

Lexia

Well done to Henry, Dylan C, Seth K, Rhys, Lucy G, Olivia W, Ella and Jake for completing a level on Lexia.

Criw Cymraeg

Mae siaradwr yr wythnos yn Dosbarth Bedwen ydy Ossie, yn Collen ydy Willow ac yn Ysgawen ydy Evie. Llongyfarchiadau i bawb!

Parent/Teacher meetings - survey

Thank you to the few parents who responded to this survey. The majority of responses would like all future parent meetings to be held via Teams.

Friends of Forden

Well done to the pupils who completed the autumn challenges over half term and won a prize (provided by the Friends).

The Friends urgently need more parents to join the committee to ensure it can continue raising funds and organising activities that benefit all the pupils in school. Any volunteers would be welcome, no matter how much or how little you are able to contribute.

Ongoing school response to Covid-19

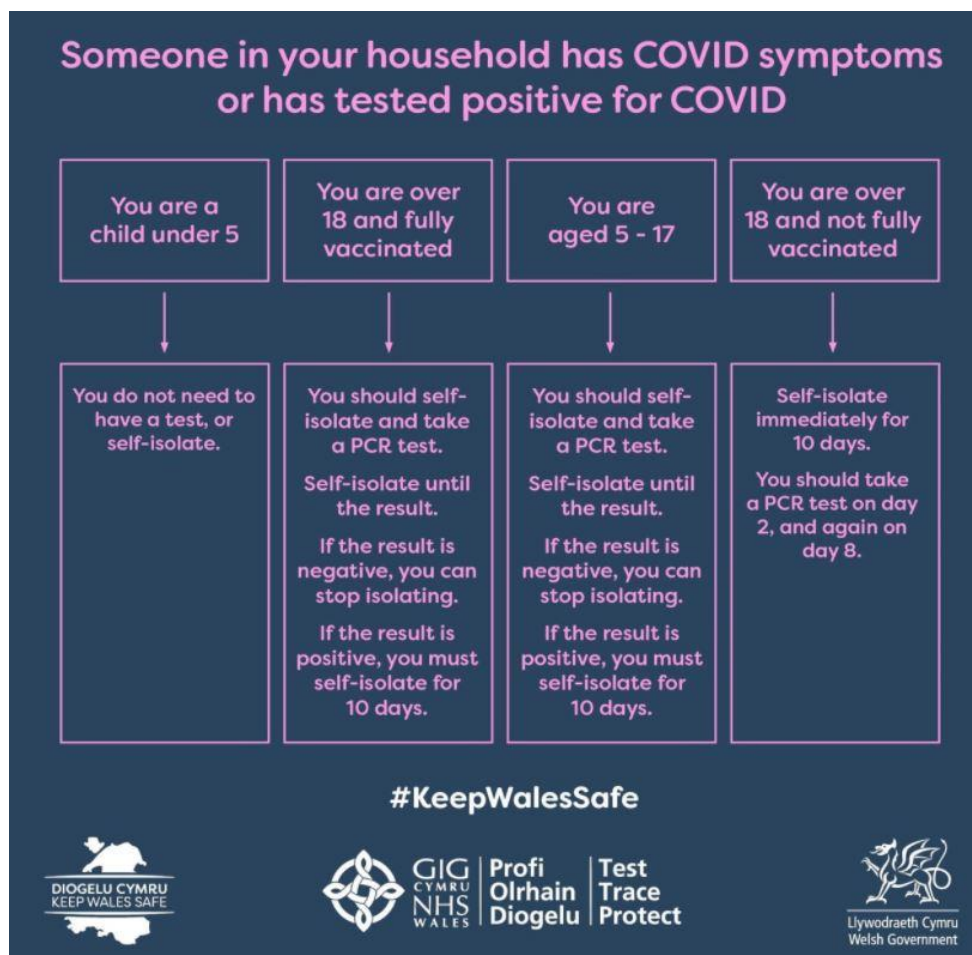
If your child has any of the 3 main symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) they must not attend school and should get a PCR test (call 01874 612228). They should not return to school until the test result has come through. Tests can also be booked the

Powys Teaching Health Board website at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/coronavirus-testing/symptoms/>

If your child has other symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, flu-like symptoms) you can still request a PCR test and your child can attend school whilst waiting for the result.

Your co-operation in this is greatly appreciated. **If your child receives a positive PCR test, please contact the school to inform us.** Due to the pressure on TTP at present, the first notification for pupils who are considered close contacts may be from school and not TTP.

The rules for household contacts of someone with symptoms/a positive COVID result have changed. Please see the flowchart below:



If you are unsure, please contact the school.

Welshpool High School Open Evening

Please follow the link for an [introduction to WHS Virtual Open Evening](#) given by Mrs Forsythe, Deputy Headteacher.

Applications for secondary school need to be made the deadline of **Friday 12th November**.

Primary School Admissions

The Primary School Admission Round for learners born between **01/09/2017 – 31/08/2018** is now open. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place>
Applications need to be made by the deadline of **Friday 7 January 2022**.

If a parent / carer is unable to apply online they can contact admissions@powys.gov.uk

Future dates

Wed 22nd Dec

Break up for Christmas