



19th March, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus Update: Prestatyn High Closure

As I am sure you are now aware, we have been instructed to close to help slow down the spread of COVID-19. This means that the last day of teaching will be **Thursday 19th March 2020**. All staff will be still asked attend school on Friday 20th, to finalise their already extensive preparations for online learning. This work will be updated regularly. All departments will provide appropriate work which will be accessible from the website. Details on how access and return work will be on the PHS website by the end of tomorrow. Please continue to follow the official guidance from the Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and Denbighshire County Council on how to stop the spread of COVID-19 and how to remain safe in the community.

From next week schools will have a new purpose. They will help support those most in need, including people involved in the immediate response to the COVID-19 outbreak. What that means in practice is yet to be decided but we will update the community via our twitter account and website.

The key areas that the government are looking at are:

- Supporting and safeguarding the vulnerable
- Ensuring the continuity of learning

The Welsh Government are looking in detail at how it can best support all those who benefit from free school meals and children with additional learning needs.

This will be a Denbighshire wide coordinated response and I will update all parents and carers when I have further information. Please check our website regularly. If any parent or carer works for the NHS, a blue light service or any other front-line occupation and they require their children to continue to be in school for childcare reasons, please email the school.

All examinations are now cancelled and we are awaiting clarification from Welsh Government, Qualifications Wales and the WJEC on how our pupils and students will gain their hard-earned qualifications. We will keep you up to date with any updates as we get them.

Due to the forced closure, we are unable to offer our pupils and students the planned Easter school programme of interventions, however all pupils and students can access exam materials via the school website.

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All education ministers across the UK are meeting to discuss the ramifications and will be making further statements

Please continue to remind your children about hygiene, how to keep safe and to wash their hands regularly.

Ensure that your child has access to our website as we are currently uploading a full curriculum and pupil content for all year groups to complete whilst we are closed. Let us know if there are any issues by contacting websupport@prestatynhigh.co.uk

Parents will be alerted to when the school will reopen via the Denbighshire County Council website, School Comms/School Gateway and a post on our website/Twitter account.

Please consult the NHS if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online if at all possible before calling 111.

It's a difficult time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and follow the guidance we get from the government and health board.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Foley'.

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