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Dear Parent or Carer,

This afternoon we received notification of a positive Covid-19 test for a pupil in Year 7. As a result we were instructed by communicable diseases and track and trace not to allow Year 7 pupils to attend school from tomorrow. They have also instructed us to send the letter below to the parents and carers of Year 7 Pupils. The instructions within apply to Year 7 pupils only:-

Re: Contact of confirmed case of COVID-19 in St Illtyd's Catholic High School

NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect trace everyone who have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Your child has been identified as a **contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19** and will now need to **self-isolate until the end of Wednesday 16th December 2020**. They may return to school on **Thursday 17th December 2020**. By identifying contacts and asking them to self-isolate for the appropriate time, we will reduce the possible spread of COVID-19 from those contacts to their family, friends and the wider community.

Self-isolation advice **requires your child to stay at home**, not to go outdoors to exercise, to visit shops, family or friends, or to other public spaces. Please do not invite people to your house. Further information on self-isolation can be found in the link at the bottom of this letter.

If your child remains well then the other members of the household do not need to isolate and can continue with their normal activities. If your child is still well at the end of the period of self-isolation, they can return to **St Illtyd's Catholic High School** and their other usual activities.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading, there are things that everyone in your family can do to help. These include:

- washing hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- using hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- washing hands as soon as they get home
- covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not their hands) when they cough or sneeze
- putting used tissues in the bin immediately and washing hands afterwards

Please be **alert for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child**, which are:

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

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If your child develops any of these symptoms, even if they are mild:

- Inform the Test, Trace and Protect (TTP) team who will be in daily contact with you
- If advised by TTP book a test for them by phoning 119 or through the online portal: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>
- Inform **St Illtyd's Catholic High School** that they are unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and that you have requested a test
- Your child should remain in self-isolation
- All other household members should isolate for 14 days from when your child developed symptoms
- Do not visit a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital but if you require medical advice please contact NHS 111 or telephone your GP; if there is a medical emergency phone 999
- If you require medical advice for COVID-19 symptoms or another reason, please inform the healthcare worker that your child is a contact of a case of COVID-19 and in self-isolation
- Please follow the advice provided when your child receives their test result

Further formation on Test, Trace, Protect can be found here <https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>

Further information on symptoms and self-isolation can be found here <https://gov.wales/symptoms-and-self-isolation-contact-tracing>

For general information on COVID-19 <https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus>

The COVID-19 online symptom checker can tell you if you need medical help and advise you what to do <https://gov.wales/check-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help>

Work for this period will be available on our website. Pupils can log in using their school username and password. If they experience any problems in doing so they must contact info@stilltyds.org.uk
If you require any further information or support please contact the same website or The Head of Year on rf@stilltyds.org.uk.

The School remains open to all other pupils.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. B. Thomas'.

D B Thomas
Headteacher