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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Closure of schools

Further to my letter yesterday, an announcement has been made by Kirsty Williams, Education Minister, that the Easter break for all schools in Wales will come into effect from Friday 20th March 2020. Therefore, I can confirm that we will close the school to all year groups after the completion of the school day on Friday at 3.20pm.

The Minister's announcement can be accessed via the following link: <u>https://gov.wales/statement-minster-education-kirsty-williams-school-closures-wales</u>

In the event that the school closure moves beyond the Easter break, our staff have produced online teaching and learning resources for all students which will be shared via Google Classroom. This is a platform which is familiar to our students, however, a guide to support you and your child with using Google Classroom will be shared with you shortly. For those students who do not have access to online materials, the school has produced paper-based materials to support their learning. I would recommend that these materials and pupils' books are collected before the Easter break.

I recognise that there are particular pressures for students who are preparing to sit public examinations in the summer. The Welsh Government, working closely with Qualifications Wales and WJEC, will make an announcement on this shortly. Students have been advised by their teachers to continue their preparations for examinations. All students have been given appropriate resources including access to Google Classrooms to support them during the Easter break.

Tomorrow, you will be receiving updated information regarding Google Classroom. This will include the codes your child will need to access the online resources as well as a guide to support you and your child with using Google Classroom.

I would like to thank the students, parents, carers and staff for their continued support at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jarrett

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