

Dear parent/carer,

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Following a sharp increase in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the Llanelli area, new restrictions are being introduced to reduce the spread of the virus and protect public health for people living in the area.

Please be assured all schools within the defined Llanelli area will remain open and school transport will operate as normal. Keeping schools and colleges open remains our top priority.

One of the main restrictions is that people will not be able to enter or leave the defined area of Llanelli without good reason. However, if you live outside of the defined area but your child goes to school/college within the defined area; they are still able to attend/you can take them, as long as they are not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms or have not been asked to self-isolate for any other reason. Similarly, if you live within the defined area but your child goes to school outside of the defined area, they are still able to attend / you can take them.

Can we please remind you that all pupils aged 11 and over are required to wear face coverings on school and public transport; and all secondary school pupils are required to wear face coverings inside school communal areas.

We are also asking parents in the defined area of Llanelli to please wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting their children from school or any other educational or childcare setting.

Council enforcement officers will be carrying out spot-checks at all schools within the defined area and we will be asking our Headteachers to ensure that all the agreed actions are taking place, for example, hand-washing, one-way systems, cleaning etc.

You can find more information including a comprehensive list of Frequently Asked Questions, and check if you live in the defined area by visiting our website [carmarthenshire.gov.wales/localrestrictions](http://carmarthenshire.gov.wales/localrestrictions)

We have experienced a small number of positive cases in our schools and I understand parents are concerned. However, I would like to reassure you that in all instances these are isolated cases and the Test, Trace, Protect process is proving to be effective.

The process of testing and contact tracing is part of the 'new normal' and where schools follow these guidelines carefully, there is no cause for alarm.

We all have a responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe and follow the national guidance around social distancing and face coverings, good hygiene, self-isolation and testing. Please see the attached flyer with more information on this.

Thank you for your continued support. The health and safety of pupils and staff is our main priority and it is important that we work together to contain the virus as much as possible.

Yours sincerely  
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