



Coleg Llanymddyfri
Llandovery College

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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Guidance

We are aware that many parents and guardians watching the news and keeping up to date with the spread of Coronavirus to Japan, South Korea, Iran and most recently Italy, will be concerned about the possible impact for the College.

Please be reassured that we are receiving frequent advice from the Boarding Schools Association and the Society of Heads, to ensure that we are following the best possible practice.

Specific advice for schools was updated on February 18, by Public Health England/Wales, clarifying that schools where a staff member or pupil is suspected of having the virus do not need to close. PHE maintains there should be no restrictions while laboratory tests for Covid-19 are being carried out, and that there is no need to send other children or staff home. They also clarified that “until the outcome of test results is known, there is no action that staff members need to take”.

There should be no restrictions on people who are beyond the incubation period, which is currently 14 days. Advice from Public Health bodies remains that self-isolation is only essential for those travelling from Hubei Province, and for those from China and a number of other named countries, if they display any symptoms, however mild.

None of our students returned to China over the half term break, as a precaution.

If parents/guardians and/or your children have been away over the recent break (or have any visits planned in the very near future), to any affected country, we request that you let us know. Please also inform us if you or your children begin to exhibit any symptoms.

The best advice remains to take care with infection control measures; wash hands frequently, wipe surfaces with disinfectant and use tissues/handkerchiefs to prevent the spread of viruses through coughing and sneezing

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of this document, please do not hesitate to get in touch.