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Dear parents/carers,

## Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

We were informed of this news in the same way as you were, with the same level of detail, which, as you can probably imagine, is leaving us all with a multitude of questions, many of which, as of yet, we have no answers for.

We will, as ever, endeavor to keep you as informed as possible over the coming days as we process the next steps for all our young people and we will continue to plan for their ongoing education.

### External Examinations

We are saddened for all our Year 11 students for whom their exams in the summer term have now been cancelled. They should all feel incredibly proud of their successes to date, we certainly are, and we will work to ensure that their talents, hard work and determination to succeed are justly and fairly rewarded in the future.

At the present time, we unfortunately have no clarity as to how those students will be graded in the summer, but we will write to parents again as soon as we are able to provide any updates. This is a frustrating and difficult position for us all, our students in particular, for which we can only apologise.

### School closure

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories

Please follow the link below if you feel you are a Key Worker;

[Click here \(link will expire by 12.00pm tomorrow\)](#)

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by our school website, Facebook and parental text messages.

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**What we'll continue doing while your child is at home**

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

Continuing the education of our students remotely:

Work will be set on Google Classroom for all students via their class teachers. This can be accessed via students' hwb email accounts.

Students are expected to log on each weekday and follow their usual school timetable to complete the work set.

Pupils can contact their teachers for support via Google Classrooms and the teachers will be available to support their learning

Parents can contact the school via the school's email [mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk)

**What we won't be able to go ahead with:**

School trips

Breakfast or after-school clubs

Catch up sessions

Internal exams or tests

Parent's evenings

The canteen will be open for vulnerable pupils. The provision for pupils on free school meals will be informed by the Local Authority. As we understand from the Local Authority the bus service will be operating for the foreseeable future.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this ever-changing situation.

We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via

[mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk](mailto:mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk)

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Slinn', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mrs. A. Slinn  
Headteacher