



**BISHOP VAUGHAN**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a number of you may have already heard, the Welsh Government are changing the isolation period for contacts of those who have tested positive for Covid-19.

The self-isolation period is being reduced from fourteen days to ten days. Importantly, we have received confirmation that this **will** also be applied retrospectively for those already isolating. In short:

- a) contacts with a last date in isolation of 10/12, 11/12, 12/12 or 13/12 have had their last day in isolation changed to 9/12.
- b) contacts with a last date in isolation of 14/12 or later have their last date in isolation reduced by 4 days (14/12 becomes 10/12 etc).

The dates for return to school are unaffected due to the concerns outlined in my last letter to you: [Microsoft Word - 9th December 2020.docx \(filesusr.com\)](#), nevertheless we are keen to ensure that all families are aware that the dates for self-isolation have altered in this way and that their children are able to leave their homes according to the dates specified above.

For clarity, under the new information received:

- Year 7 pupils are no longer in isolation; they will be returning to school tomorrow as planned.
- Sixth Form pupils, who have been isolating up to and including Friday 11<sup>th</sup> are no longer expected to isolate. They will be continuing their blended learning, however, as outlined in the letter linked above.

I trust that this will be welcome news for the families affected. I know that the families in our school community will continue to prioritise safety and follow the guidance about not mixing with those outside their households (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-wales-55247641>) however I am sure that the news that the affected groups are now able to exercise outside the home will be welcomed.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs. E. Pole**  
Headteacher