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Dear Colleagues

## Circuit Breaker Lockdown

Following the update from the First Minister today Wales will be going into a period of stricter measures from 6pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Schools will remain closed throughout the half term break but in the week following child care settings, primary and special schools (including SRB's) and Year 7 and 8 in secondary schools will operate as normal from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Those older pupils sitting national exams will be able to attend school for the period the exam takes place. Staff are expected to be in and to use any non-contact time to prepare resources for those pupils not in as well as a blended learning approach to support the school moving forward. From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November all pupils will return to school as normal.

Schools expecting building work to take place will be prioritised under the education asset management programme. The council will confirm its position on statutory maintenance in the next few days.

The link to Welsh Government's FAQ and First Ministers statement can be found here:

<https://gov.wales/national-coronavirus-fire-break-to-be-introduced-in-wales-on-friday>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-circuit-break-frequently-asked-questions#section-53259>

Please ensure that you communicate the key messages to your parents and wider communities through your usual means. The council FAQ's will be updated to reflect our position. If you have specific questions about managing the situation for your school please email [Michael.tate@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.tate@cardiff.gov.uk) .

Yours sincerely



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