

# NEWSLETTER

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## Important Covid-19 Update from Welsh Government

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may already be aware, Education Minister Kirsty Williams announced this morning that **the period of online learning for all schools and colleges in Wales is to be extended**. This will bring the decision-making on schools and colleges into line with the Welsh Government's three-week review timetable. First Minister Mark Drakeford will confirm this in his briefing later today.

The full announcement from the Education Minister can be viewed here: [www.facebook.com/welshgovernment/videos/1803985833091375](https://www.facebook.com/welshgovernment/videos/1803985833091375)

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This means that Ysgol Calon Cymru pupils will continue to learn remotely until Friday 29th January, which is the date when the situation will be reviewed again by Welsh Government. At the moment, the earliest possible date for a return to campus is Monday 1st February, though the Education Minister has indicated that at the moment another extension is very likely. If a further extension is announced, this would see pupils continuing to work from home until the February half term.

During this period, vulnerable children and children of critical workers will still have access to on-site provision, along with learners undertaking essential exams and assessments. If you are a parent or carer of an Ysgol Calon Cymru pupil in Years 7 or 8 and are classed as a critical worker please can you take a moment to complete our [emergency in-school provision booking form](#) if you haven't done so already.

For those of you with children in examination years, Qualification Wales have today cancelled the spring internal assessment window (due between 22nd February and 23rd April) for GCSE, AS and A Levels. Our Progress Leaders have written to our pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 this afternoon to let them know about this development, and to reassure them that the school has plans in place to ensure they still achieve the grades they deserve this year.

I can assure you that everyone at Ysgol Calon Cymru will continue to do the very best for our pupils during this period, while adapting to the changing situation and preparing for further announcements. Many of us are parents or carers ourselves, and we appreciate the challenges that this new announcement brings. I want you to know that we are here to support you if needed, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at any time: [www.ysgolcalon.cymru/contact](http://www.ysgolcalon.cymru/contact)

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