

14th April 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

The Welsh Government announced that a free and voluntary programme of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing will be available in education and childcare settings across Wales. **This offer has now been extended to include all students in years 7, 8 and 9.** We are waiting for the delivery of the test kits and will inform you as soon as they are available.

The purpose of these tests is to identify people who have the Covid-19 virus, but do not have any symptoms. These people will be asked to remain at home and self-isolate, which will further reduce the risk of transmitting the virus to others.

If your child tests positive using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD), it is likely that they are infectious and they **must self-isolate immediately and you must book a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test at your local testing centre within 24 hours of your positive LFD test result.**

You **must report a positive LFD** test to Public Health Wales and contact the school immediately using the links at the end of this letter.

Contact tracing will be triggered following a positive LFD and your child and their close contacts will be required to self-isolate until you receive your PCR test result. If the PCR test result is positive, you and your close contacts will have to self-isolate (usually for 10 days from the date of the LFD test). If the PCR test is negative, your child can return to school and you and your child's close contacts will no longer need to self-isolate.

A negative LFD result does not mean your child can relax and ignore social distancing or the other virus prevention measures in place at school or in our community

If you agree to test your child

Testing is voluntary and if you agree to take part, you will need to sign and return a consent form so that we are able to give your child the test kits to bring home.

The tests should be carried out every Sunday and Wednesday evening between 5pm and 7pm. The LFDs supplied do not require laboratory processing and can provide a quick result in around 30 minutes. Comprehensive guidance on self-testing is contained in the 'Instructions for Use' leaflet which comes with the test kit.

Once the test has been conducted please remember that each test result must be logged online following the link at the end of this letter.

Consent / Privacy

All individuals wishing to take part should familiarise themselves with the testing process and privacy notice, **if you choose to participate, you are committing to self-administer the test and provide results for all tests (negative or positive) to Public Health Wales (PHW).**

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Where to Report Test Results

Public Health Wales (for all positive **and** negative test results):

www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

School (for positive LFD test results **only**).

Please email your child's full name and form group (**only** if they test positive) to:

Positive-LFD-Result@yt.flintshire.sch.uk

How to carry out a Lateral Flow Test (LFT):

Link: [Welsh Government Lateral Flow Test Video](#)

Or

Website Address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chR9Ud43EvM>

Yours sincerely



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NHS Test, Trace, Protect: COVID-19 Rapid Lateral Flow Self-Test Information

