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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Welsh Government has recently announced that a free and voluntary programme of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing will be available in education and childcare settings across Wales. This offer is available to all staff and learners in years 10-13 and all college learners. This includes those learners in a special school setting.

The government states that Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests have been widely and successfully used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals. The speed and convenience of LFD tests supports detection of the virus in asymptomatic individuals who would not otherwise be tested.

If your child tests positive using an LFD, it is likely that they are infectious, and they must self-isolate immediately and book a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test within 24 hours of their positive LFD test result. Contact tracing will be triggered following a positive LFD and their close contacts will be required to self-isolate until you receive their PCR test result, if the PCR test result is positive your child and their close contacts will have to self-isolate.

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 each test result must be logged online to a government website. However, for school purposes, only a positive lateral flow test result needs to be reported. This is a voluntary programme and choosing to take part is optional; it **will not** affect whether a child can attend school. I fully appreciate that this may not be suitable for your child so please do not consider this letter as an instruction to do so. Your child can continue to attend school without carrying out a test and therefore follow the usual national guidance on self-isolation if they show symptoms. It is vital that you continue to follow national guidance if your child or any member of the household develop covid symptoms.

All that is required at this stage is for you to inform school via the link below, if you wish for your child to be sent home with a testing kit box for you to test your child twice weekly at home, which will need to take place every Sunday and Wednesday evening, as per the national recommendation. You will then upload your results to the government website and also inform school of a positive test. The test box will be given to your child's escort for you to receive after school as each testing box needs to be accounted for against each child. The box contains further details of the LFT process for you to follow. Testing kits will not be sent home without your prior consent. Further details of LFDs can be found on the internet and full instructions come with the testing kits.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4\\_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k1MbqJSadqRASdNIWN8m8EdUNklyRzJONIFJMjBRVUhNUEJMFZVQUxYNS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k1MbqJSadqRASdNIWN8m8EdUNklyRzJONIFJMjBRVUhNUEJMFZVQUxYNS4u)

Regards,  
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