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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Lateral flow tests

Thank you for consenting for your child to participate in the lateral flow test programme.

During form period on Wednesday 24th March, your child will receive guidance on how to administer the test and report the results. They will then be given their first pack of lateral flow tests. Please click [HERE](#) for a video on how to do a Covid-19 Self Test (rapid antigen test).

Across Newport, staff and students are being asked to administer the test on a **Wednesday and Sunday evening**. I have been notified by the local authority that staff and students should not take a test over the Easter holiday. Therefore, please can you ensure your child administers the test on the evening of Wednesday 24th March and Sunday 11th April. Your child will be provided with their next set of tests the week beginning April 12th.

Reporting the result of a lateral flow test

Once the test has been conducted the result must be logged online at the government website www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Please can I ask that you and your child are extremely careful when reporting the LFT result. If you accidentally report a positive your child will have to go for a PCR test. The test must be taken within 24 hours otherwise even if your PCR comes back as negative your child and all of their close contacts will have to self-isolate for 10 days.

If the test is positive

- Report the result by completing the government form at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.
- Let school know immediately by phoning **07766410455**.
- You will need to book your child a confirmatory PCR test. This can be done via <https://gov.wales/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19>. Try and visit a community or drive through test site as this is the quickest way to get tested. Your child plus household/extended household and any other identified close contacts must **self-isolate** until the result of the PCR test.

If the test is negative

- Report the result by completing the government form at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.
- No further action will be required until the next test.
- Remain vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19. If your child begins to display any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19 immediately let school know and book your child a PCR test.

If the test is void

- Record your results by completing the government form at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.
- Re take the test.
- Record your child's results again on the government website.
- **If the result is void again**, please get your child a PCR test immediately. Guidance states your child can return to school and will only need to self isolate if the result is positive.

Disposal of tests

Please click [HERE](#) for government advice on how to safely dispose of lateral flow self testing waste from within household settings.

I understand that this is a lot of information to digest. However, if there are any further queries, questions or issues please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett

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