

PARENTMAIL UPDATE: 08/10/21

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 testing

We have received updated information from the Welsh Government Minister for Education regarding Covid-19 testing for school age pupils.

The link for this information is below:

[WG Cabinet Statement: Future plans for COVID-19 testing for children, young people and staff](#)

The extract below from the updated information outlines the situation for secondary school age pupils.

"I am amending our advice and guidance to learners in secondary schools and colleges who are under 18 and have a household member who has tested positive for COVID-19. It will be recommended that in addition to PCR tests on Day 2 and Day 8 they should undertake daily lateral flow every day for seven days. This should start on the day a household contact is confirmed positive from a lateral flow or PCR test result. Where appropriate we want to reduce the testing of children without symptoms but due to the increase in prevalence and the concerns expressed about household contacts it is vital that we do all we can to keep children in school.

The changes will formally come into effect from Monday 11 October. Any learners in secondary school or college who are under 18 and confirmed as a household contact should start using lateral flow tests for 7 days immediately to help provide further reassurance that they are not infectious to others."

Pupils can continue to obtain lateral flow tests should they wish from the school. Please note that other than distributing LFT kits on request, school staff play no role in Covid-19 testing. Any parental questions regarding tests will need to be directed to Public Health Wales.

Public examinations - grading approach and contingency arrangements for summer 2022

We have received information this week from Qualifications Wales regarding public exam arrangements for 2022. See the link below for a letter to students and parents/ carers which outlines the situation. Teachers will be working with students at school to ensure understanding of the information provided.

[Qualification Wales: INFORMATION ABOUT EXAMS IN 2022](#)

Covid - 19 - Pupil Absence and Learning Continuity Plan: A quick reference guide for parents October 2021

Please see attached the school's updated Learning Continuity Plan. This outlines the approach taken for a number of different scenarios related to Covid - 19. This information may be subject to change depending on government regulations or advice.

We wish all families a pleasant and enjoyable weekend.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School Senior Leadership Team

Attachments

[Learning Continuity Plan CCS.pdf](#)