

Parentmail Update: 26.11.21

Dear Parent/Carer

Wales Police Schools Programme (WPSP)

Please see attached a letter to schools from the regional lead for the Wales Police Schools Programme. This relates to recent concerns regarding the safety of women and girls and sexual harassment in schools. In particular the letter draws attention to the avenues available to young people for reporting any incident to the police and their key partners.

Impact of Covid-19 on staffing levels

As we have previously advised, we continue to face considerable pressure on our staffing levels due to the impact of Covid -19. Please note that no new or additional measures to mitigate these impacts are necessary at present. Only as a last resort will a decision be taken to partially close the school to pupils.

Welsh Government Financial Support for Individuals

Please find attached the letter which will allow you access information from the Welsh Government outlining the financial support that might be available to individuals and families.

The leaflet includes advice on:

- Loss of income;
- UK Government support;
- Housing;
- Financial help;
- Living costs;
- Health & Well-being;
- Family support;
- Helpful contacts.

Welsh Government 'Claim what's yours' - Take-up Campaign

Please see below information from Welsh Government.

"We know that there are thousands of people in Wales who are not yet claiming the welfare benefits that they are entitled to. The Welsh Government has launched a take-up campaign 'Claim What's Yours'. Advicelink Cymru offers free and confidential advice on a range of subjects such as: welfare benefits; debt; employment; education; housing; immigration; discrimination.

We are directing people to a designated campaign page www.gov.wales/claimwhatsyours where we encourage them to call Advicelink Cymru's helpline - 0808 250 5700".

Covid-19 LFD testing update

We have received updated information from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding Covid-19 LFD testing. They advise us to maintain the offer of test kits in December for all pupils and to encourage their take up and use. Pupils can obtain additional test kits from their form teachers during registration periods.

They have also provided the information below for your information:

Whilst settings are closed, LFD tests are still available, free of charge to anyone over the age of 11 to test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days) without any COVID-19 symptoms. You are encouraged to take a test:

- if you are travelling to other parts of Wales or the UK;
- if you are going to be in a higher risk situation including spending time in crowded or enclosed spaces;
- before you visit people who are at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

In the new year, we encourage staff and learners over 11 years to test twice with LFD (3 or 4 days apart) in the week before returning to school or college and to then continue testing regularly twice weekly for two weeks after the start of term in January. Individuals should use their own stock of LFDs or if their setting is closed, order from the community channel if additional supplies are needed.

We wish all families an enjoyable weekend.
Cowbridge Comprehensive School Senior Leadership Team.

Attachments

[The Wales Police Schools Programme.pdf](#)
[Benefits Support ENGLISH.pdf](#)