

Update - 1 March, 2021

The Welsh Government has recently announced that it will start a programme of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing in education and childcare settings across Wales.

Along with the protective measures we are taking, such as social distancing, good hand hygiene, use of face coverings in all indoor areas of the school, all day cleaning, testing will allow us to take further measures to help pupils and staff members to continue working in as safe an environment as possible.

All staff are being provided with the opportunity to take part in twice weekly home testing using Lateral Flow Device tests. If the test is positive, staff and their close contacts will immediately need to start self-isolating, and a second test will be arranged to confirm the results. If the confirmation test is negative, all those who have been asked to isolate will be able to return to school. If the confirmation test is positive, the self-isolation period will continue for a total of 10 days.

If a member of staff working with a pupil contact group records a positive LFT result, this may mean that pupils within the contact group will need to self-isolate. Given the routine nature of the testing, this may mean that you may be notified that your child should not attend school at very short notice.

Details will follow of the testing which will also be available to **senior school pupils** in Wales shortly.