

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Covid 19 Updates

I hope that you have all had a restful Easter break and had the opportunity to spend time with friends and family.

I am writing to provide some updates on the school's Health and Safety approach to the management of Covid 19 and associated variants.

Schools, like other public organisations are required to produce a risk assessment. This is underpinned by the Welsh Government's Infection Control Decision Making Framework for Schools.

The school is currently advised to operate at the 'Low' level of risk on the framework.

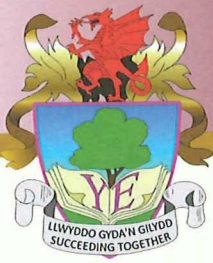
The main changes to our provision are as follows:

- Learners are no longer required to wear face coverings in either communal areas or in the classroom. Learners may choose to wear a face covering if it makes them feel more comfortable.
- The programme of asymptomatic testing using lateral flow devices will cease. Learners who had previously opted into the LFD testing programme will no longer receive tests from the school and are not asked to undertake twice weekly testing.
- Lateral flow devices are to be used when learners are symptomatic only; PCR testing is no longer available.
- The school will now hold large, internal gatherings of learners – for example, assemblies and examinations, and whole-school use of the school restaurant facility will resume.
- Lunch arrangements will revert to pre-Covid arrangements, that is, full use of the school restaurant for all learners and the operation of a full school menu (staffing dependent)
- Toilet facilities will no longer be organised by year group.

The areas we will keep the same are:

- The use of a well-ordered one-way system.
- Suitable ventilation in classrooms.
- Enhanced cleaning routines. Please note that the school will be reviewing its cleaning regimes over the coming weeks.
- Continued emphasis on hand hygiene.





As always, please do not send your child into school if they have any of the three core symptoms of Covid that is, a high temperature, a persistent cough and/or a loss of taste or smell. Learners should then take a lateral flow test and self-isolate until the return of two consecutive negative tests at day 5 and 6.

Finally, like many organisations, staff absence was a cause for concern at certain points last term and as you will be aware, the school operated a staffing contingency plan. Please be reassured that the school will make every effort to run a full programme of teaching and learning and seek to overcome disruptions wherever possible.

We are looking forward to seeing the return of all learners tomorrow and would like to take this opportunity to wish you well.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Sutton

Headteacher

