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Dear Parent/Guardian/Learner,

As the new school year approaches, we contact you to confirm some of the arrangements for the beginning of term, starting for the pupils on Friday, September the 3rd. Although the circumstances we face have improved we still need to be careful and vigilant in order to ensure everyone's health and safety.

LATERAL FLOW TESTS

The Local Authority has issued this guidance:

Asymptomatic Covid-19 testing continues to play a key role in supporting schools to quickly identify and isolate infected individuals. Therefore, school staff and secondary age learners (including pupils who are transitioning to secondary for the first time) are encouraged to make use of lateral flow tests before returning to school.

The lateral flow tests can be collected from a variety of community settings for home use and additional tests will be available for pupils to pick up at school from the beginning of term.

We recommend that the test takes place on Friday 03.09.21 (before travelling from home to school). Anyone who displays Covid-19 symptoms will be expected to go for a PCR test and self-isolate until a result is obtained. From next week onwards, tests should be taken on a Monday and Thursday mornings before travelling to school.

More information on locations available to collect the lateral flow tests can be found here:
<https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/covid-19/covid-19-testing/book-a-covid-19-test/>

DAY TO DAY ARRANGEMENTS

At the beginning of term we will initially implement arrangements which are very similar to those in place at the end of last term. This means that we will continue with the one-way system as well as extended lessons and year cohorts being kept apart break and lunch times. However, pupils will now not be expected to wear masks in lessons although it will be expected in the corridors and on school transport. We will ensure appropriate ventilation in all rooms, insist on regular hand washing and continue with regular general cleaning throughout the school day.

CHANGES IN NATIONAL GUIDANCE

The Government have issued amended guidance on dealing with cases of Covid:



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Is your child returning to secondary school or college?

If they are under 18, or fully vaccinated they no longer need to self-isolate if they are a contact of a confirmed coronavirus case

They can get a PCR test on day 2 and day 8 if they are identified as a contact

And they must self-isolate immediately if they develop symptoms

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Returning to secondary school or college?


Symptoms?
Stay at home and get a PCR test

No symptoms?
Keep doing your regular lateral flow tests
Get the vaccine if you're offered it
Wash your hands regularly
Wear face coverings when needed

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We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Friday, September the 3rd and if you have any enquiries or concerns please contact us at the school.

Yours sincerely,



H. Emyr Williams

Headteacher