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COVID Update Information

Dear parents, carers and pupils,

I write with a brief update/reminder in relation to our COVID risk assessment.

Lateral Flow Testing

Firstly, Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) are now available to all pupils in year 7 and above. If you would like to engage in LFT, please contact reception and we will arrange for you to pick them up. Public Health Wales advise that these should be completed on Monday morning and Thursday morning before school.

Wider range of symptoms

Secondly, The Welsh Government are making **PCR Covid-19 testing** available to people with a wider range of symptoms such as fatigue, muscle ache or pain, a sore throat, a headache, a runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea. This is because some variants and young children do not display the classic three Covid-19 symptoms initially.

The request therefore is for people (including children) to get a test if they are feeling unwell in any way. Further detail on how to apply for a test is provided at <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-19-test> or simply call the free number 119 between the hours of 7am to 11pm.

Individuals and their households who take a test because of these other wider symptoms are not required to isolate while they await their test result. This includes learners, who can continue to attend their school or setting while they await a test result.

If individuals then receive a positive Covid-19 result, they and their household must then isolate. Households must also isolate if anyone develops any of the three classic Covid-19 symptoms while waiting for a test result taken on wider symptoms to come back. Please continue to inform school by emailing admin.parklanespecialschool@rctcbc.gov.uk and by telephoning school.

Clearly, children and adults with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should not attend their school/setting until they are symptom-free for 48 hours, even if their Covid-19 test result is negative.

The FAQs on the Council's website have been updated to reflect this latest advice – www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schoolfaqs

My very best wishes to you all,

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