



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

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Dear Parent / Carer

Following on from the information shared in the latest Headteacher update which has been emailed to all parents, I write to confirm that we will be undertaking lateral flow testing for Y11 students as early as possible in the Spring term. We invite your child to participate in this testing which consists of an initial test followed by a second test around three days later. We hope that this will identify asymptomatic positive cases, reducing the transmission of COVID-19 and keeping our school as safe as possible over the coming months.

Along with existing systems of control that are already in place, it is anticipated that these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. **The test is mandatory and students will not be able to return to school unless they have undertaken the test.** Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. Staff will oversee the swab process.

Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with students and if the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19 you will also be informed so that you can arrange to take your child for confirmatory testing at a NHS test centre.

Please follow [this link](#) which explains how the lateral flow test will be taken. Current advice is that whilst lateral flow tests have lower sensitivity, they do pick up cases where a person has higher viral load and can be undertaken easily and frequently.

If you agree for your child to be tested, please follow [this link](#), complete and submit the consent form and we will schedule testing for your child which will take place within the school day during early January.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of Year.

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Headteacher