



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

3 March 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

We are delighted to inform you that Y8 will be able to fully return to school on Friday 12 March 2021.

Before Y8 return to face to face education, it is expected that all students undertake a lateral flow test which is designed to identify asymptomatic positive cases, reducing the transmission of covid-19 and keeping our school as safe as possible.

The first lateral flow test will be taken on Friday morning, as soon as students arrive at school and these will take place in the Old Sports Hall. Students will then be expected to undertake two further lateral flow tests before Friday 19 March which will take place during the normal school day. The date and time of the second and third test will be shared with students in due course.

To support the testing process, we will need a slightly staggered start **for Friday morning only**. Students who travel on the school buses will arrive at their normal time so if you are planning on driving your child to school, please bring them in at 9.00am. If your child usually walks to school, they should arrive for 9.30am.

[This video](#) explains the route that students need to take on arrival at school on Friday morning. Students will be directed to the New Sports Hall where they will wait until they are called to the Old Sports Hall for their first test. The video also gives an insight into the testing process. The lateral flow test will be supervised by trained staff. It is quick and easy to do using a swab of the throat and nose. **Once students have taken this first test, they will wait in the gym until the results are available, around 30 minutes after the test has been taken.** Results will be shared directly with students; if the test is positive, they will be notified straight away, given advice on next steps and the school will immediately implement the positive response protocol to identify any close proximity contacts in school. If the test is negative, they will be able to go straight into their timetabled lesson and the result will be formally notified via Track and Trace once the results have been uploaded by the admin team in school. Please bear in mind that notification of a negative result may be received several working days after the date of the test. However, if the test is positive, the uploading of this result will be prioritised by the admin team and notified to Track and Trace within 24 hours so that the formal notification is sent to you as soon as possible.

Please follow [this link](#) which explains how the lateral flow test will be taken. **If a student is displaying any covid-19 symptoms at all on Friday, they should not attend the session** as they will not be able to participate in the lateral flow testing. In such cases, please arrange a PCR test at a NHS testing centre.

For your child to participate in the lateral flow test, parental consent is required. Please follow [this link](#), complete the form, read the privacy statement and submit the consent form before 6pm on Wednesday 10 March 2021, so that we can begin the registration process for the lateral flow test. The consent form will override any previous consents for testing you may have given so it is important that this new consent is completed prior to the first test.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Race, Head of Year 8, rr@waleshigh.com.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school and I am sure your teachers will be delighted to see you in person on Friday 12 March and every school day thereafter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pepe Di'lasio', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Pepe Di'lasio
Headteacher