

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last few weeks it has become apparent that an increasing number of parents are incorrectly using Lateral Flow Tests on their children whom have Covid symptoms as a way to clear them as 'Covid free' for school.

Lateral Flow Tests cannot detect very low levels of coronavirus in a sample as it is not as sensitive as the PCR test. Therefore the LFT may give a false-negative result and hence provide a false re-assurance.

We would like to remind you that if your child should display any of the following 3 symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

A PCR test should be booked.

In such instances a Lateral Flow Test must not be taken.

Furthermore, your child, you and anyone else you live with should stay at home until you get the test result. Only leave your home to have a test.

To book a PCR test please follow the following link: <https://gov.wales/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19>

You must also inform your school, employee or childcare provider immediately.

Additionally, please do not send your children into school if there is anyone at home with Covid symptoms or awaiting the results of a PCR test.

We thank you for your cooperation with regards to this matter and for helping schools to keep your children safe.

Cofion / Regards,

TTP Schools Team

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