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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the Easter break I thought I would take this opportunity to present an update on Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing at home. We have had a great uptake in home testing and your support, in ensuring that the vast majority of our students are testing regularly, is helping to keep the school and the wider community safe.

It is estimated that one in three who have Covid-19 do not have symptoms and can pass it to others so every test that is undertaken helps to identify infections and break the chains of transmission. We, therefore, ask for your help with testing over the Easter holidays. **Please continue with the Monday and Thursday morning tests throughout the two weeks of the holiday.** It is also essential that your son receives a negative test before he can return to school on the 19th April. We will therefore distribute extra LFD testing kits to your son in school this week.

If your son tests positive over the holidays, please inform school via email to covid@agsb.co.uk as well as using both [AGSB](#) and [NHS](#) websites, as usual. If your son develops Covid-19 symptoms, then please **do not** use an LFD test but arrange for a PCR test via the [NHS website](#).

On the 16th March the self-isolation guidance for those people who test positive (LFD or PCR) for Covid while having no symptoms, has been amended.

- There is no change for those people who test positive and remain asymptomatic. They must self-isolate for 10 days, up to and including day 10, (with day 0 being the test day, they are free to leave their home and garden on day 11).
- For those people who test positive and have no symptoms but become unwell with Covid symptoms during their self-isolation period, they must restart the 10 days from the day after they become unwell.

For further information, please click on this link: www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19

To conclude, we ask you to:

- Continue with your son's regular testing on Monday and Thursday throughout the holidays.
- Ensure that your son has a negative LFD test before returning to school on the 19th April.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emyr Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Dr Emyr Thomas
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