



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

With the easing of national restrictions Covid-19 continues to circulate widely in the South West, and with the prevalence of the highly transmissible Omicron variant, we continue to see an increase in case rates in our communities. I would again like to remind all members of our school community of the importance of **twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Testing at home**, on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 **and they do not have a temperature**. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available [here](#).

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should also take a LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. Students can attend school if there is a positive case in the household but we strongly request that daily lateral flow testing is performed in this instance

Level 3 Bikeability

Gloucestershire County Council are running Level 3 Bikeability cycle training courses at Severn Vale School in Quedgeley during February Half Term (21st to 24th February 2022) for students in Year 7 & Year 8. The aim of the training is to give young people the skills and confidence to make independent journeys by bike. Please see attached flyer.

Student conduct on journeys to and from school

I would like to congratulate the vast majority of our school community for their excellent behaviour on school and public transport on their journeys to and from school. However, I would like to remind all students and families that the same behaviour standards that apply in school are expected of our students on these journeys and within the community. Would we appreciate parental/carer support in the sharing and reinforcement of this message.

Best wishes and have a great weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, overlapping loops and strokes, positioned below the text.

Mr Rhys Phillips
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