



Pupils in Year 7-11 will be given a LFT test to bring home on Friday 16th September.

Why are we giving out LFTs?

We are giving out LFTs because right now the number of people getting coronavirus is growing. Right across Swansea and Neath Port Talbot, numbers are rising. Our school is the same as every other school in the area. We want to help slow down these rates of infection.

Do you have to do a test?

You don't have to do a test. The government advises that pupils in Year 7 to 11 should do a test twice a week in areas where the infection rate is high. It is high in Port Talbot, so the advice is to test regularly, but this is just advice. We are encouraging you to follow the advice from the government.

When and where should you do a test?

You should always do your test at home, in a clear and clean space where you can throw away your used test kit safely and where someone like a parent or carer can help you. You could do this on Sunday Evening and Wednesday Evening, but you could do it more regularly if you want.

What about doing a test in school?

You should not do a test in school. There are no spaces which are designed for you to lay out all your testing kit away from others. The instructions can be complicated, and it is harder to make sure you are clean beforehand. Most importantly, it is really difficult to make sure that your used test is thrown away safely, and not taking care of used kit this could actually spread the virus more. You may also be worried and worry others if your test is positive whilst you are in school. Please don't do a test in school and don't have bits of your kit out before you do the test at home. This can contaminate your kit and give you false results.

What should you do if your test is positive?

If your test is positive, you should register your test online, book a PCR test and self-isolate and not come to school until you get the PCR test result. You will then get advice from TTP about when you can return to school.

What about if my friend has a positive test?

We know this can be worrying, so if your friend has a positive test, you could do a LFT more regularly at home. You do not have to self isolate or stay off school unless you have symptoms or a positive test yourself.

What about other things?

Because we are now level 4 in Neath Port Talbot, we should also be wearing masks in the corridors between lessons. We should be regularly washing or sanitising our hands and staying in our year groups as much as possible. We might also wipe shared equipment before and after use. We should definitely be following the one way systems, not just for coronavirus, but because it is sensible.