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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are growing increasingly concerned about the misuse of Lateral Flow Tests. These tests should only be used when a person is not displaying Covid symptoms. In no circumstance should they be used as a substitute for a PCR test. This is because they are not designed to pick up Covid when there are symptoms.

As a reminder, the three main Covid symptoms are:

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

If someone is displaying any of the above symptoms they should book a PCR test as matter of urgency and self-isolate together with the rest to their household while they await the result. You can book a PCR test by following this link <https://gov.wales/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19> or by calling 119.

You can also have a test if you feel unwell (with a cold or sore throat for instance) even if you don't have the main Coronavirus symptoms.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

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