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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the final weeks of this half term, I would like, once again to thank you for your support and to compliment you on the way in which your children are conducting themselves, both within lessons and also during our wide range of enrichment opportunities. It has been a real pleasure to observe a series of lessons this week and to note the hugely positive attitudes towards learning in each key stage.

Year 13 Parents' Evening

Please note that information regarding this event has been sent out today. Further information regarding the Year 11 Parents' Evening will follow in due course.

Covid-19

We have been advised by the Local Authority that, following rising case numbers in parts of the city, it has been decided to raise risk levels in schools across Cardiff to high — probably until October half term. You will recall that we were at low mitigation level as of Sept 1st. Wales remains at Covid level zero nationally.

You will recall from my letter at the start of term that despite being at risk level zero, we maintained a number of our original mitigation measures including:

- Split lunch arrangements
- Specific zoned areas during lunch times with the addition of new covered seating areas
- One way system
- No year group assemblies
- Consistent seating plans
- Forward facing desk arrangements in classrooms
- Cleaning undertaken throughout the school day
- The recommendation and provision of frequent Lateral Flow Tests for staff and pupils
- Hand sanitiser in every classroom and toilet area – combined with the promotion of good hygiene

These will remain in place and we continue to monitor the situation closely, recording each positive case with TTP Wales and following all guidance accordingly.

Please be advised that The Local Authority is encouraging learners in Year 7 and above to continue to test regularly so that infections can be identified speedily. Kits are now available in school and will be distributed. They may be collected free of charge from most pharmacies, alternatively, your nearest collection point and opening times can be found on [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

If your child receives a positive **Lateral Flow Test** result, you are to book a **PCR Test**.

If your child receives a positive PCR test please keep them at home and notify the school accordingly.

Vaccinations 12-15 Year Olds

You will be aware that NHS Wales will begin offering the COVID-19 vaccine to young people aged 12 to 15 years. This will not fall under the remit of the school. Responsibility for both the organisation of the vaccine roll out and consent sits with the Health Boards and not the school.

This programme was recommended by the UK's Chief Medical Officers after reviewing evidence on the public health benefits of extending vaccination to younger people.

We have no details regarding the roll out but have been asked by the Local Authority to make you aware of the short information pack which has been prepared by Public Health Wales.

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/patient-information>

New vaccine trial in Cardiff seeks volunteers to provide vital information for immunising adolescents against COVID-19

Please be advised that we have been asked by the Local Authority to share this information with you:

Researchers running the University of Oxford-led [Com-COV programme](#) have launched a new study to test how well young people (aged 12-16 years) respond to two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

Backed through funding from the Vaccines Taskforce and National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), the Com-COV 3 trial will seek to recruit 360 volunteers across the UK.

In Wales, up to 90 volunteers aged 12-16 years are being sought by Public Health Wales and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to take part in the trial.

In the UK, all young people aged 12 to 17 are currently being offered one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, with only those with specific underlying health problems and those who live with someone with a person with impaired immunity offered two doses. The study will seek to answer whether an additional dose of vaccine should be added to the standard single dose now being rolled out for this age group.

Professor Matthew Snape, Associate Professor in Paediatrics and Vaccinology at the University of Oxford, and Chief Investigator on the trial, said: “This study will provide vital information on the range of options for immunising teenagers against COVID-19 in the UK.

“As well as looking at the standard two full doses of the Pfizer vaccine, we will look at how well volunteers respond when their second dose of Pfizer is half that of the first dose, or if different vaccines are used altogether, such as the vaccines manufactured by Moderna or Novavax. This will provide the JCVI with information crucial to informing their advice about immunising teenagers in the UK.”

The study hopes to report initial results by December 2021 – if the results are promising, regulators MHRA and JCVI would formally assess the safety and efficacy of any new vaccination process before advising whether it is rolled out to patients.

The study lasts for one year and participants would need to make up to six visits to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff. Those who are interested in volunteering can register via the [study website](#).

A patient information leaflet with further information is attached but if you would like an informal chat with one of the paediatric study team in Cardiff or have any questions about the study please contact: comcov3.hcrw@wales.nhs.uk.

Nasal Flu Programme

Please be advised that a letter regarding the Nasal Flu Programme has been sent via Parent Pay today. Please ensure that you have completed the online form by Friday 08 October to confirm whether or not you give consent for your child to receive the Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine.

Yours sincerely



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