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Dear Parents/Carers

Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays

Since returning to school on March 8th, our students have shown a mature and calm attitude to the three lateral flow tests we did at the beginning of the term, and also to home testing since then. I have also been impressed with the way in which students have managed the continued social distancing, wearing of face coverings and all the other restrictions that are part of our risk assessments while the pandemic continues. These are not always easy to maintain and our students have done so with good humour and patience.

The asymptomatic testing programme has been very successful in identifying positive cases, which means we are not only keeping our students and staff safer, but also preventing spread of the virus in the community. It is vital that we keep testing at home through the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

Please remember to test twice a week at home over the Easter holidays using the kits you have been given at school. All students will receive enough tests to last over the break before the end of term. Remember to report results online as positive, negative, or void on the national website and on the school system. This information is critical to Public Health England to help understand the prevalence of the virus across the country.

It is particularly important that students take a test before returning to school for the summer term on 19th April, either the night before, or the morning of the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions. I wish you all a lovely Easter and a good break before we return for the summer term.

Kind regards



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