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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now into our second week of students being back on campus and it has been great to see them all in school. The mass testing has gone extremely well and is now completed but we are ever mindful that this is very much a community effort and we all have our part to play.

To this end it is really important that if a student presents any of the recognised symptoms of COVID-19 they are not sent to school and a PCR test should be booked, **please do not rely on the LFD Home Test.**

- Home test kits have been issued on the day of a student's last test with full guidance to their use and how results will be reported
- Tests should be completed before coming to school and supported by parents/carers. The test should be done well in advance of leaving for school so the outcome is known before arriving at school
- Additional test kits will be given to students next week to cover the Easter holiday period and home testing should continue through the break
- The youtube video [here](#) should help support a successful test being performed.

The government guidance advises the following:

*All positive results from rapid tests undertaken at home do need to be confirmed with a standard PCR test. This is because these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment and will not have trained staff on hand. Following a positive LFD test at home, a confirmatory PCR test should be booked online or by calling 119. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the pupil or student and their close contacts should self-isolate. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test (at home only) and a child can return to school.*

It is really important that as a community we are aware of all positive cases of COVID-19 within family bubbles but especially of our students. Please can we reiterate the need for parents/carers to contact us should your child receive a positive result, regardless of the circumstances. This will help us ensure you receive the correct information and we can take the appropriate measures to protect our community as a whole.

It is also critical that if and when students have been sent home to self isolate they adhere to the guidance around this as explained in the letters.

It is vitally important we all adhere to the guidance to reduce the transmission within our campus and protect the education of your children.

Yours sincerely

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