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Mr Jim Roberts- Headteacher

Monday 15th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful weekend.

It was lovely to see the school full once again last week. Students and staff happy to be back and I don't doubt parents and carers happy to see their children return to school and relinquish the responsibility of home schooling.

On the 19th March 2020, nearly a year ago, I wrote to you following the announcement of the first school closure.

Since then we have worked together as a community to support and care for each other. Through some very difficult and challenging times, parents, carers and staff have ensured children's learning continued at home. We found ways to stay connected whether through TEAMs parent and carer evenings, wellbeing webinars or live learning - staff, parents, carers and students have shown remarkable resilience, mutual support and determination.

Although it is not over and we need to continue to follow the guidance and demonstrate that same level of care, it is also important to reflect and acknowledge what we've done and take collective pride in what has been achieved over the last year.

As highlighted in my previous letter, all students that have consented to the lateral flow testing programme will receive their home testing kits after they complete their third in-school test, for use in the week beginning Monday 22nd March 2021. I have attached a letter and privacy statement supplied by the DfE that provides further information, advice and guidance about home testing.

If individual students / families want to access a home testing kit but haven't previously provided consent / haven't been involved in the school based testing programme, they can be collected from Year offices.

Whilst I can report that we have had no positive lateral flow device tests returned over the last week it is important to once again emphasise;



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- Students all need to continue to follow the advice and guidance to help prevent the transmission of the virus.
- If we do get positive cases through either a PCR test or a confirmed LFD test result (as part of the schools testing programme), we will need to go back through the process established last term. This involves identifying proximity contacts and where appropriate, having to inform students of the need to self-isolate for a period of 10 days.

Best wishes

Jim Roberts
Head teacher

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