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12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for making the return to school such a supportive experience for both children and staff. It was wonderful to see families as excited as we are about returning to school and I hope that all of the children had a brilliant first week and enjoyed being back with their teachers and friends.

We are looking forward to speaking to you all at our parent consultations next week and thank you for booking your appointment with your child's class teacher. This will be an opportunity to discuss how your child is coping over this lockdown period and how we can work together in partnership to support them as we go through the next few weeks and beyond into the Summer Term.

There has been lots in the news recently about testing and I thought it would be helpful to clarify about tests and primary schools. School staff have been testing using Lateral Flow Tests twice a week (since January) and this has been going really well. I would like to clarify that primary aged pupils are **NOT** being tested.

We know that around 1 in 3 people with COVID show no symptoms. The use of these regular Lateral Flow Tests (which staff use) are another way of keeping each other safe and identifying any asymptomatic people with COVID so that we can also continue to keep our school communities safe. As an extra measure, the Government has announced that adults who live in a household with children attending school, can now also have this regular testing. This is optional and we know that many of our parents who work as part of Health or Social Care will already be doing these tests but we would encourage parents to consider doing this regular testing as an extra layer of protection for our community.

Currently you can order home test kits through the national system by following this [link](#).

It is really important that if you have Covid-19 symptoms you and your family members continue to isolate and book a Covid-19 test straight away. You can continue to find information relating to symptoms of Coronavirus [here](#). Lateral Flow Testing devices should **not** be used if you have symptoms a coronavirus test needs to be booked.

The tests that you receive are not linked to school and are for households to organise themselves (currently using the online ordering link).



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Thank you for your continued support and understanding for all that we're doing to keep the school family and wider community as safe as we can. It is wonderful to have all of the children back with us and we are looking forward to a fun and productive rest of the year!

Kind regards,

Mrs Edwards

Head of Academy