



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great day, finally we have all students back with us! This morning we have had an extended Tutor Time to ease students back in to school, focussing on wellbeing and mental health. It has been so nice to hear the laughter and chatter of the children again.

New Government Guidance

I wanted to make you aware of a piece of guidance that was confirmed to us on Tuesday evening of this week. It concerns what happens if a child tests positive for COVID-19 during the Lateral Flow testing at school and the different approach that is required if a student tests positive for COVID-19 when using their testing kit at home. This has been a hot topic in the news over the last few days so I wanted to make sure we were all clear. The latest Government Guidance now says the following:

'If a student received a supervised school-based Lateral Flow test, as part of the testing programme in school, and it was positive then they and other members of their household must self-isolate. PCR testing is not advised if you have received a positive result from a Lateral Flow test at a school or college test site. If a parent was to do this and it returned a negative result, the policy remains that the pupil or student, their close contacts, and other members of their household must still self-isolate.'

However, 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 Lateral Flow 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.'

Laptop Return

If your child borrowed a laptop over Lockdown. Please could they bring it into school and hand it back into reception as soon as possible.

Information for Year 8 Only

We have made a couple of changes to the times of the tests for Year 8 students. This now enables **ALL** students to be tested in school and means no student is required to wait around after school. We will share this with students, but in addition, please see the table below. All dates of tests remain unchanged.



Tues 9th, Fri 12nd, Wed17th			
Year 8	8A	27	12:10pm
	8B	28	12:25pm
	8C	29	12:40pm
	8D	28	12:55pm
	8E	25	13:10pm
	8F	28	14:00pm
	8G	29	14:15pm
	8H	27	14:30pm

As always, thank you so much for all your support. If there is anything else we can support with, please do let us know.

With thanks,

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