



10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been fantastic to see our pupils return this week. Our school has once again exploded into life as the buildings have filled up with learning, laughter and smiling faces.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you and our pupils for their approach to being tested in school. Consent from parents for their child to be tested is 90% across the school. Our pupils have approached the testing with some caution but have also shown real understanding and appreciation that this was not just about them but for the good of everyone in our community. Their behaviour and cooperation has been amazing.... THANK YOU.

### Self-Testing Kits

In line with government instruction we have been asked to distribute COVID-19 self-testing kits to all pupils in all year groups. Pupils will receive a self-testing kit tomorrow (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March) afternoon from their tutor. Each kit contains 3 tests which are to be completed at home during next week. The booklet which accompanies the tests explains everything you need to know and has been produced by the NHS to support the self-testing programme. We would recommend that pupils perform a test on a Sunday and a Wednesday evening leaving the 3<sup>rd</sup> test to be used in case an inconclusive result occurs. Once the test has been taken and the result is known please follow the instructions on page 15 in the leaflet on how to 'Report your Result' to the NHS track and trace portal.

At the end of next week, we will issue all pupils with another set of tests for the following week. Currently we are unsure how long this programme is to last although we are aware that the government will be reviewing a number of protocols over the Easter break.

### Uniform issues

We are aware that there are some uniform issues due to shops being closed and items being out of stock. Could I ask if these uniform items could be purchased / resolved by the time we return after the Easter break as I am conscious of not letting uniform standards slip. However, we totally understand the current restrictions and shortages we currently face have caused these issue. Little Gems, who supply our uniform are running an online service and have informed us that they have all items in stock ([www.theschooloutfit.co.uk](http://www.theschooloutfit.co.uk)).

Thank you again for supporting us as we continue to live and adapt under these restrictions. I really do hope that by following the advice and guidance issued we can return to normality by the summer.

Kind regards,

Mr. Redford  
Head teacher