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Dear Parent / Carer

### Update: Reopening & Lateral Flow Testing in school

I thought you would appreciate a short update on how the week has gone so far both in terms of our testing arrangements and a return to learning for our young people.

On Monday we began to welcome back our Year 11, 12 and 13 students for testing and, despite a few technology issues, the day went really well with over 550 tests completed. By Tuesday, the technology issues were sorted, and we conducted a further 500 tests for students in Years 10 and 9. Today, the last of the first round of tests was done with Year 7 and 8 students and we have now completed and uploaded over 1600 test results with students feeding back to us that they felt well looked after and less worried about the further tests to follow.

It has also been very reassuring to note the numbers of students wearing masks in lessons as requested. The culture of our school community is strong and our students are determined to put others first over these next few weeks by sticking to the recommended requirement of wearing a face mask in lessons and communal indoor areas.

I have to say that I have spent a good deal of time in and around the testing area and our students have been remarkable in their approach and attitude. They have smiled, laughed and been very honest with us about their concerns and stresses. The staff have been hugely supportive and ensured that all students felt reassured before, during and after the test and could leave the sports hall with confidence. The truth is that all they really want to is come back to school and get these tests out of the way. I don't blame them.

Lessons have also been returning to normal since Tuesday and we had 98% attendance yesterday and today across school. That is incredibly high and is yet another indicator that students are fed up with this pandemic and want to be back learning and with their friends once again. It was an absolute joy to be amongst them these past few days and feeling the buzz return to our classrooms and school once more. I look forward to seeing students in Years 7 and 8 return tomorrow to complete our reopening.

Finally, can I ask, that if your child had use of a school laptop over lockdown, that these are returned to us as soon as possible. We need to get these back into use across school to support learning once more.

Thank you, again, for your support throughout this second period of lockdown. The strength of our community has always been in its collective and now, more so than ever, that remains so true.

Take care.

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