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**Autumn Term**

Dear Parent/carer,

Thank you for your continued engagement in the Covid-19 testing programme. Please continue to test twice weekly and report your results until the end of the summer term

We are unsure about the Covid situation we will face in the autumn, so we want to be prepared for all scenarios. Subject to public health advice, testing may restart on return in the autumn. If it does, wherever possible, we would like your child to complete two LFT tests the week before their return to school. With the second one being the night before they return to school on Thursday 2nd September. Should you have any concerns our Family Support Team are on hand for advice and support. We will retain a small on-site testing facility to accommodate on-site testing where necessary. We will then continue with twice weekly home testing which will be reviewed at the end of September.

This is the most effective way to reduce the risk of transmission and support the continuation of face-to-face education. We recognise, however, the need to minimise any disruption to education and to continue to support your child’s mental wellbeing. The government will continue to review the future need for testing in light of any changes to the public health situation.

If your child is transitioning to a new school or college, they should start testing on arrival in the autumn.

**You must report results, even if your result is negative or void.** You should also keep a note of and share your results with the school. **Reporting results is easy**. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result) or call 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language.

Yours faithfully,



Christopher Best

Executive Head