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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Thank you for your response in terms of filling in your child's consent form for the mass testing programme. We now have a provisional programme in place for the mass testing of year groups.

As you are aware the government has tasked us with the following:

- All pupils will be tested three times on their return to school
- There must be three to five days between each of these tests
- If their first test comes back negative they can return to school the day after their first test

In order to ensure that pupils are able to start face-to-face teaching as soon as possible we will be starting the testing process as early as next Tuesday.

The schedule below shows the dates of first tests by year group and the days on which they will return physically to the school for face-to-face teaching. For their first test pupils will only be coming into school for their test and then going home whilst they await their result. The travel to and from school is permissible under current lockdown guidelines but they should not travel in groups and try to avoid the use of public transport where possible. They do not have to wear school uniform but should wear a mask whilst on school premises for their test.

	13/12	11	10	9	8	7
First test date	Tuesday 2 nd March	Thursday 4 th March	Monday 8 th March	Wednesday 10 th March	Wednesday 10 th March	Thursday 11 th March
First day of face-to-face teaching	Monday 8 th March	Monday 8 th March	Tuesday 9 th March	Thursday 11 th March	Thursday 11 th March	Friday 12 th March

Further details of subsequent tests will be shared with you and pupils in due course.

For the registration process pupils will need access to a smartphone or other electronic device. iPhones have proved to provide the speediest way of registering but Android devices can also be used if a QR scanner has been downloaded onto the device. Alternatively Years 7 – 10 may want to bring their Chromebooks to school for the test.

Test results will be sent to whatever email address the pupil uses during the registration process. If you want your child's result to be sent directly to you then please ensure you write down for them your email address. For the registration process they will also need to know their date of birth, postcode and the first line of their address. In the event of a positive test you will be contacted by the school and will then have to follow the current national guidelines regarding self-isolation.

We will write to you with more details of the testing process and an individual appointment time and venue for their test.



Over the next three weeks there will inevitably be some disruption to learning whilst the testing process takes place.

As mentioned in previous emails testing is not compulsory but is recommended. Although the majority of parents and pupils have consented to the testing process we understand there are a small number of pupils who have reasons why they may not wish to take part in the testing process. All pupils will be asked to return on the dates indicated above as their first day of face-to-face teaching.

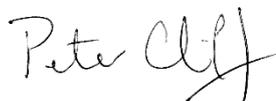
We appreciate that some pupils may find the prospect of testing daunting. The experience from our existing testing programme is that pupils find the testing process less difficult and unpleasant than they might have anticipated. Support is on hand at every stage of the testing process.

As you will appreciate testing a school community of nearly 1500 people, three times, is a significant logistical exercise. I would like to thank those members of the parent body who have agreed to volunteer to support the testing process. If I have not called upon your services yet - I may still do so in the next few days as we firm up our schedule.

I would also ask for your patience and understanding if there are occasional teething problems during the testing process; the school very much prides itself on its organisational abilities and ability to rise to challenges but this is, once again, a new challenge for us.

It does though, offer the prospect of us welcoming our pupils back for face-to-face teaching which we are all very much looking forward to.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Clift". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'P' and 'C'.

Mr P Clift
Deputy Headteacher