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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Start of Summer Term Arrangements & Home Testing

I hope you and your families have had an enjoyable Easter break and that students are looking forward to returning to school on Monday 19th April. Whilst I am sure we have all appreciated the relaxation of some lockdown restrictions I wanted to remind parents, carers and students that all our Covid controls and systems remain in place when we return next week. This includes staggered timings of the school day and break/lunch provision, together with the various protective measures including handwashing, face coverings in classrooms and indoor communal areas, regular cleaning, home testing and ventilation. **On Monday morning students should arrive at the same time and enter the school via the same designated gate as they have done since the start of the year.**

Although we are gradually moving along the roadmap out of lockdown, Covid19 remains a risk and we must not be complacent as we continue to minimise and manage the risks within school. Following a review by the government, updated guidance has been published for schools. As a result, students and staff will continue to be expected to wear face coverings in classrooms or during activities where social distancing cannot be maintained. Subject to the roadmap process, as part of Step 3, this will be reviewed by the Department for Education and schools will be advised whether this precautionary measure will remain in place during the remainder of the summer term. Students are therefore reminded to continue to bring a face covering to school each day.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support with asymptomatic LFD testing, which is also continuing after Easter. **In light of students' absence from school over the last two weeks and the easing of national restrictions, we consider it especially important that students complete a home test before returning to school next week.** This helps us to keep our school community safer. If your child has symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) or receives a positive test result with a home test kit, then they are required to have a confirmatory PCR test. We ask that parents/carers inform the school of a positive test result with a PCR test so that we can take appropriate action, as required. Thank you again for your support with this key strategy to keep everyone as safe as possible and reduce the likelihood of transmission of coronavirus in the School and the community.

We are excited about the increased ability to provide extra-curricular activities for the students and steadily return to more normal ways of operating as a school during the term ahead, although very conscious of the need maintain our focus in the meantime to ensure this is possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Foster  
Headteacher