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Tuesday, 23rd February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought it would be helpful to give you a very brief update on our plans based on the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday.

As you know, we will start fully re-opening the school from Monday, 8th March 2021 and we anticipate that we **will stagger our return to school** so that we can offer everyone a COVID-19 lateral flow test before their return to school.

The option to take a lateral flow test will significantly enhance the safety of everyone in our community and we are very keen that all our pupils take up this offer so we can keep each other and our families safe.

We have been regularly testing pupils and staff who have been attending school and the whole testing process has gone very smoothly for everyone involved, (and even those of us who were not too keen have found the experience to be quite bearable).

To help us to plan the testing efficiently I need you to fill in the attached form by midday on Friday, 26th February 2021. You can find the link to complete the consent form here: [Consent Form Link](#).

Once we have this information from you, we will let you know when your child will be able to have their first test and on which day their year group will be returning to full time education in school. Once the first round of testing is complete all pupils in all year groups will be expected to attend school in person, other than those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable.

Finally, I will be in touch with the details of our return to school early next week. In the meantime, many thanks for all your support of your children's remote learning - it is much appreciated. Every lesson counts and your children's hard work and resilience through this second period of partial school closure will stand them in good stead for their return to school.

With best wishes,

Mr Chris Keen
Principal