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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been wonderful to have all our pupils back in school and a pleasure to see them so keen and excited about being back in the classroom. I know that some pupils adapted really well to online learning but others found it quite difficult. The ongoing task is for our teachers to identify the gaps that have developed in their learning and fill these as quickly as possible so that this generation of children is not disadvantaged. To support this process the academy will be putting in place a number of initiatives to extend and develop the learning opportunities across the calendar year and I will be writing to you to explain how these can be accessed after the Easter holiday.

Since our return on the 8th March over 85% of our secondary pupils have received two lateral flow Covid tests and I am pleased to report that we have yet to have a positive confirmed case. These pupils will receive their third and final, **in school**, Covid test this week. **Year 11 and 10 will be tested on Tuesday 16th March, Year 7 and 8 on Wednesday 17th March and Year 9 and Post 16 on Thursday 18th March**

After we have completed this final rotation of testing in school, we will move to home testing. Once again testing at home will be voluntary but we hope that all students will agree to take part to help keep our staff and students safe. Each student will be handed 2 testing kits containing a total of 6 individual tests on the date above. (Please note that all test kits come with instructions). They should complete 2 tests at home each week and report the results. We would like students to try and follow the testing dates below wherever possible. We would recommend taking the test in the evening rather than the morning as it takes up to 30 minutes to achieve a result. Where a test cannot be taken on a certain date, please try to take it a day either side:

Test Number	Date
1	Sunday 21st March
2	Wednesday 24th March
3	Sunday 28th March
4	Wednesday 31st March
5	Sunday 18th April
6	Wednesday 21st April

It is important that you report the result of each test to the NHS and Alec Reed Academy. To report a test to NHS Track & Trace please follow this link:

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[Register a coronavirus test - Register a test - GOV.UK \(test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/test-for-coronavirus)

To report the test result to the school please fill in this form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=eq8TAv3-HkOkIdLsP2S9VxcAL_6ZfO9Ajgry7gloR0FUMTUwODdXS1IVVEVV0dYWU9GQjZPVUxaMy4u

If your child tests positive using a home testing kit it is important to book a PCR test to confirm this result as soon as possible. The result of this test **must be** shared with the school before your child returns.

I thank you for your continued support in keeping the academy safe. I am confident that by working together we can ensure that the academy and indeed the country, will soon be in a position where restrictions can gradually be lifted.

Kind regards,

Phil Cosby
Acting Principal & CEO