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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, following Government guidance, school has offered asymptomatic Covid-19 testing to all our secondary aged pupils and staff during the spring term. The uptake for the testing within school was good and the pupils whose parents consented for them to be tested were very compliant and tolerant of the process. In fact many of the pupils are now able to carry out the nasal swab part of the test themselves under staff guidance.

As from 21st March 2021 we will be asking you, the parents/carers, to take over the role of asymptomatic Covid-19 testing and reporting the results of your child at home. This is in line with the Government's Home Testing in Secondary Schools and Colleges programme.

Your child will bring home an asymptomatic Covid-19 test kit which contains everything you need to commence twice weekly home testing on your child. It includes all instructions for how to test and how to report the results to both NHS Test and Trace and School. The tests kits contain Lateral Flow Devices which are quick and easy to use and give results within 30 minutes.

Testing is voluntary; however, we would encourage everyone to participate in the asymptomatic testing programme to help break transmission links by identifying those who may be carrying the virus unknowingly.

If you have any questions regarding home testing, please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Wynne, our Health Care Coordinator or Bernie Buckle, the Head of Care, via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Dr. John Patterson