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Dear Parent or Carer,

In anticipation of a return to school for all pupils, I am writing to advise that the COVID-19 self-testing programme has now been extended to include S1 – S3 pupils.

I would like to invite all parents and carers to provide consent for their S1 – S3 children to participate in the testing programme via the following link: <https://forms.gle/cU8ztnuUz9my7gcj8>. A link to the privacy notice is embedded within the form.

As S1 – S3 pupils are under 16 years of age, parents or carers must complete the consent form on their child's behalf.

Taking part in the scheme is voluntary, but is strongly encouraged for those attending school. Pupils will still be permitted to attend school if they choose not to participate in the testing programme. **Tests will be available for collection from the office window within the main school reception between the hours of 9am – 3pm on Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 March.**

Please note that tests cannot be issued unless the online consent form has been completed and received by the school. A total of 9 home test kits will be issued to each participating pupil with tests to be undertaken every Sunday and Wednesday. Testing should not take place during the school holidays except for the day prior to the school returning e.g. a test should be taken on 11 April for a school return on 12 April.

Full instructions on how to use the testing kits will be provided at the time of collection. There are also useful step by step videos that can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVq7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ>.

Those attending the school premises are required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing of 2 metres when collecting their test kits.

Office staff who are distributing the tests will be happy to answer any questions at the time of collection.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas Watt
Head Teacher

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