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Dear Parent / Carer,

It is with great pleasure that I can share with you the news that our first few days back have been very successful.

Lateral Flow testing has been a smooth and sleek operation, the testing team have excelled, working with diligence, care and speed. Special recognition must go to the students themselves though; they have displayed great maturity, patience and humour. I also thank you for your support; our testing rates are incredibly high, over 95% of the school population are participating. This level of engagement will have a significant impact on our ability to keep our school community safe, supporting our wider local community also.

Once in-school testing comes to an end (three tests in total), all students will be sent home with a home testing kit. We have decided to model how to use the home testing kits with all students. In school, students are currently carrying out their own swabs, however our testing team then complete the test process itself. The home kits are straight forward but do require students to follow a process. For the third in-school test next week we are going to use the home testing kits. We will talk all students through the process, demonstrating each step from start to finish, using their individual kits. By doing this we can ensure each and every student feels confident to use the kit and conduct the test. Please do rest assured though, we are more than happy to answer questions or support students further if they require a little more help and guidance once testing at home.

Many thanks once again for your continued support,

Heidi Philpott
Head of School

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