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Dear Parent/Carer

October Half Term - Lateral Flow Testing at Home and Covid Vaccinations

Thank you for your support with Covid-19 home testing. Moving to everyday Lateral Flow Testing during this last week of term has picked up a number of additional positive cases and so will have reduced transmission.

As a school community, we are very grateful for this, as we want to do everything we can to minimise the risk, so that we keep as many students in school as possible during this challenging time.

Lateral Flow Testing during Half Term Holiday

Throughout the October half-term school holiday, please encourage and support your children to continue testing at home and report results twice a week on Test Register and to the NHS. All results should be reported, even if your result is negative or void.

To support a safe return to school on Monday 1 November, your child should take an additional test, so they will test on two consecutive days before coming back into school – either on Saturday and Sunday or Sunday and Monday morning. Please remember to report the result on Test Register and report absence using Study Bugs.

Your children should have already collected additional home test kits. If you do still require more home testing kits, you can order more through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

Vaccinations

For further information about the vaccine please follow the link to the [Government guidance](#)

A reminder that young people aged 16 and 17 can [book an appointment at a vaccination centre](#). Half term is a great opportunity to get this done, both to protect individuals and our wider community.

The School Immunisation Team have asked us to circulate the attached letter regarding catch-up clinics for any 12-15 year old students who have not been vaccinated in school. The letter contains a link to book.

We will write again after half term with an update and further advice on the Covid status at school and testing requirements for the new term.

In the meantime, we hope you and your family enjoy a well-deserved break. Thank you for your support this term.

Mrs S King

Headteacher

