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Dear Parent/Carer

The government has recently released guidance on the reopening of schools in the new academic year which can be found [here](#). This guidance comes into effect from Monday 16th August and outlines significant changes to the ways we can organise the school from the start of the new term. We have been working through the document carefully, both at a trust and school level to ensure we adopt the best and safest practice for student and staff welfare.

You may have noticed the recommendation, within the guidance, that schools test all students twice at a school-based testing site using a LFT Lateral Flow Device (LFD) at the start of term. This is something that we have done before when we returned to school after the second national lockdown in March. We are therefore in the process of planning, staffing and resourcing this test site and will write to you during the summer holiday with further details of the LFT testing and return to school dates.

We are working hard to ensure that all children start their learning face to face in school classrooms on the term dates advertised on our website but we cannot rule out the need for a slightly staggered start to term for some students, or indeed further disruption during the Autumn term. We are mindful of the need to minimise any more disruption to their education and to continue to support your child's mental wellbeing.

We will write to you to confirm the plans for the start of term after 12th August.

Home testing during the summer holidays

The LFT testing programme is being paused over the summer holidays and we will not be sending out reminders to students to test through 'Test Register' between Thursday 22nd July and Monday 6th September. Self-testing, using LFT, is due to resume in September and we will issue test kits to all students in the first week back to school. If you wish to continue rapid lateral flow testing, you can do so by ordering LFD test kits from GOV.UK or by collecting kits from your local pharmacy. Results from these tests will not be collected by the school but reported directly to the NHS.

I hope you have a restful and safe summer break.

Yours faithfully

Simon Warburton
Principal



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