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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: End of Term Arrangements, COVID Testing and Information

As the end of term rapidly approaches, I write to let you know our plan for the last week to take two Tutor Groups per day to Wilverley Plain for a forest walk, snacks and a game of rounders. Students will return to school in time to go home at the normal finish time.

When we return after the Summer Holidays, Friday 3rd September is our Pastoral Review Meeting Day. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your Tutor, please contact the school or your Tutor direct to arrange.

Government advice means that when students return to school after the Summer Holidays, they should have two in school COVID tests before we revert back to the home kits. Therefore, whilst students are in school on the 3rd, we will be testing students as they come in for their appointments. On arrival, your child will be taken to our testing room to take a test prior to the Pastoral Review Meeting. If you have not already completed a COVID test consent form, one is attached which we would greatly appreciate you returning to us as soon as possible. Please do encourage your child to do this when they come into schools on test days. These will be the 3rd, 6th, 8th and 10th September. Tests will take place as students come into school and during Tutor time on the other days.

Further to the e-mail sent yesterday urging you to please help and encourage your child to take regular lateral flow tests weekly, please see guidance below regarding the wearing of face coverings on the Minibus. For those children using public transport we would like to continue asking you please for the children to wear face coverings.

There is also some information on registering results of tests on a household account to help speed things up where there are multiple tests taking place in the home.

Information on the use of face coverings on dedicated school and college transport.

On Monday, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care announced that Step 4 will go ahead on the Monday 19 July. The Prime Minister also said 'we expect and recommend people wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with those you don't normally meet such as on public transport'. We have therefore updated our operational guidance for settings which now recommends that face coverings are worn on dedicated transport to school or college when prevalence is high. This will be kept under review.

New household account feature for parents reporting test results

NHS Test and Trace are continuing to develop and improve the process for self-test reporting. Currently, if a parent is submitting results through their account on behalf of a child, they have to enter the child's details every time they report a result.

As a result of feedback from parents, NHS Test and Trace have introduced household accounts. This allows parents to save their children's details to their own user accounts so parents can report results for multiple members in the household more quickly and easily.

When reporting self-test results parents will now be offered the opportunity to create a household account, which should take no more than 2 minutes. Parents can then add all household members to their account, enabling them to save time when reporting all future self-test results.

Finally, please remember that school closes at 1.00pm on Friday 23rd July for the Summer Holidays. Transport has been advised.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and we do wish you a safe and happy Summer Holiday. Enjoy the break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Nigel Himmel
Headteacher