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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the first week of welcoming all of our learners back into school, I wanted to share with you how incredibly proud we are of how our young people have adapted to and approached this important step. Attendance has been very strong, and it has been wonderful to see all of our learners in school this week and hearing the sounds of full classrooms again has been a very welcome moment.

As you know, we have been testing the vast majority of our learners on their return to school using the lateral flow tests, and whilst this has been a huge operation to plan and manage, the whole process has gone exceptionally smoothly. We certainly wouldn't have wanted this to be the first thing our learners had to face on their return to school after such a long period of being at home, but they have all been so professional and mature in how they have completed their tests, and we would like to thank you for all of your support in preparing them for this, as we recognise that many children were anxious about this. As shared previously, all learners will be offered three tests in total in school, and we will send further information home next week regarding the home testing kits that will be provided moving forward in line with the national guidance.

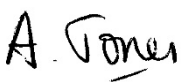
One of the other key changes we have all had to get used to this week has been the need to wear face coverings in classrooms as well as communal areas. Again, we have been so impressed with the response from the learners in adapting to this, particularly as we fully appreciate that this is not always the most comfortable thing to do. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that face coverings should be plain, and learners need to carry a spare face covering in a resealable plastic bag so they can change it over the course of the day given the longer periods of time they are wearing them for.

Walking around school this week, it has been lovely to see and hear our learners so engaged with their learning, and working hard with their teachers to continue making progress across all subject areas. Please be assured that over the coming weeks, class teachers will be working with all of their classes to fully understand where they are up to, and to ensure that the curriculum and any interventions are planned to make sure that all learners have the knowledge, skills and understanding they need at this stage in the year to continue to make the progress expected of them. If you have any queries you would like to discuss, please contact your child's subject teacher or Head of Department in the first instance.

If you feel that your child is struggling with anything on their return to school, or you feel they would benefit from some additional support, please get in touch with your child's form tutor initially, or Mrs Noble and we will do our best to help.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you over the coming weeks and months as we focus on ensuring a continued positive return to school for all learners. Please remember to follow us on twitter [@LHS_HighSchool](https://twitter.com/LHS_HighSchool) to stay up to date with the latest news and to see some of the fantastic opportunities available to our learners.

Yours sincerely,



Andrea Jones
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