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Dear families,

RE: End of term arrangements and distribution of home test kits for Easter

I am writing to confirm arrangements for the end of term and distribution of further lateral flow home test kits (LFT) before the Easter holiday.

Spring term will finish on **Wednesday, 31st March** at **3.20pm**. This is a normal school day and students can attend non-uniform. Summer term begins on **Tuesday, 20th April**. Students should return as normal in full school uniform. **Monday, 19th April** is a Teacher Training Day as per the school calendar.

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. Next week, we will be offering home tests kits to all students. **We ask families to discuss amongst themselves whether they wish their child to accept a home test kit or not.** All home testing should be supervised by parents and consent lies in the opening of the home test kit. We do not collect consents/non-consents for home testing.

For those who participate, students should:

- Test twice a week at home from now on, typically on **Monday** and **Thursday** mornings;
- Report all results to NHS 'Test and Trace' at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result;
- Report all '**positive**' or '**void**' results to the school using office@ryecollege.co.uk as soon as possible to allow for contact tracing to begin;
- Continue to test twice weekly **over the Easter holidays**;
- Test **before returning to school for the summer term**, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, so we can isolate any positive cases and keep school safe and healthy.

Families can also access home test kits at [Get a home test kit for your household](#).

Feedback from the first few weeks has taught us to be careful in the opening of test kits at home, especially with the disposal of old instructions, as there have been some cases where important contents have been lost or thrown out with the old instructions.

We wish you all a restful Easter and look forward seeing you for the summer term.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. D. Downes
Head of College