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Dear parents and carers

Following on from my message yesterday I wanted to share some more information with you. As part of the return to school plans, every child in Year 7 upwards should have 3 lateral flow tests carried out in school and then a test done at home.

Following this, each week pupils should carry out two tests at home. If your child is Years 5 or 6, they will not be tested.

The tests are voluntary and so the Federation will require some questions to be answered in relation to your child(ren). You will receive a google form to complete tomorrow, Thursday 25 February 2021. The form will request a response by Monday 1 March 2021.

Tests are self-administered so your child will carry the tests out on themselves. If your child has already had a test because they have been in school during this lockdown, we believe at this time, as per current government guidance they will not have to have the tests again. Any updates will be communicated.

To be clear, your child can return to school even if you do not consent.

I will be sharing more details about the return plans on Friday 26 February.

Secondly, you may have heard that the government has changed its advice with regard to face coverings and the expectation now is that children will wear face coverings unless there is a medical reason why they cannot do so. Also, the government are saying that pupils from year 7 upwards will have to wear face masks in lessons as well as in communal areas.

I understand that this will be a cause of concern for some people and we will try and make things as easy as we can but I feel that it is only right that you know about the face covering change as soon as possible.

As I have mentioned I will be sharing more details with you on Friday but in the meantime if you could fill in the google form you will receive tomorrow, I would be very grateful.

Yours sincerely

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher