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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move to home testing using the Lateral Flow Tests, please find attached a letter which has all the information you need, including links to further useful resources.

We have been delighted with how well students have engaged with the LFT in school and they have demonstrated competence in using the swab method required to take the test correctly. We can therefore be sure they know how to conduct that part of the test. In tutor time on Friday all students had a presentation on how to do the tests at home and they watched a short video.

We now look to you to support the regular testing at home, **each Wednesday and Sunday evening, before 7.00pm** please. We have found once the test has been done a couple of times, it is a quick and straightforward process. Nevertheless, we appreciate there is a lot of information being passed to you to enable this to happen.

We are using **Test Register** (<https://www.testregister.co.uk>) which each student can use to log their results both with Oaklands (which is a DfE requirement to support track and trace) and the NHS.

All students have been sent an email to activate their account. Please can you ensure that your child has done this.

Once the student has activated their account, they input their test results using the 2-step process (for school and for the NHS). You and your child will both get an email which confirms the result. You will also both get reminders if you have not input a test result; these will be automated reminders but as a school, we will follow up if a student has been issued with home test kits and we do not see the results being logged.

Provided a student has completed their three in-school LFTs, **home testing starts for Years 11, 12 and 13 on Sunday March 14th.**

For **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, their first home test will be Sunday March 21st.**

The automated reminders will start from 15th March so Years 7-11 can ignore these until they start home testing the week after.

Thank you again for your support in getting your children into school for their LFT and for all your messages of support over this first week. It has been lovely to welcome the students back.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Quinn', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr M Quinn
Headteacher