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Dear Parents and Carers,

## REF: RE-OPENING TO ALL PUPILS

I am very excited to be welcoming everyone back by 8<sup>th</sup> March. It has been such a long time since we were all able to be in school, learning together, but this feels like the first, longed-for step in getting back to normal. Whilst I am very proud of our pupils and staff, who have found a way to make the best of a difficult situation and have ensured that learning has continued, that relationships have developed & flourished and that the well-being of all has been kept central, there is no doubt that being back in school is the right thing for us all.

We will continue to do all that we can to keep everyone safe and we appreciate your support in reminding your children of the valuable part they play in making this possible. We do not intend relaxing any of the safety measures and routines that are in place.

If your child is due to return for the first time since Christmas, we need your consent for him/her to participate in our Lateral Flow Testing Programme. The first 3 tests will take place in school. We have attached a document to help understand what will happen. The form tutor will also go through the process and fully prepare individuals for their tests. Over a third of our pupils have already had their tests and this has been very successful. We have been both proud and amazed at how our pupils engaged so positively and supported each other. To continue to keep each other safe, we are actively encouraging all pupils to participate. Please click on the link below to complete and return the LFT test consent form.

<https://forms.gle/XCd9Ns6VjyoErDk18>

If you would like further information on the testing process, contact Kellie Ransom, who leads on all pupil health matters.

After the initial tests, you will receive home test kits. Further information will be sent out to you in the next couple of weeks and we are only too happy to support you when the time comes.

Thank you again for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely

*Corina Foster*

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