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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. We have been busy preparing for the full return of all the children on Monday and are very much looking forward to seeing everyone, albeit still from a safe distance!  
There are just a few areas to draw to your attention this week. As ever, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

I wish you all a safe and restful weekend.

Kind regards  
Miss K Aldred

### **Asymptomatic COVID-19 testing**

On Sunday 28 February, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

The full guidance can be read here: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm\\_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

We have been advised by the Department for Education that schools cannot distribute test kits to parents so if you wish to take up this offer you will need to access it via the above channels.

### **Face coverings/Masks**

With the full return of all pupils next week it is especially important that we do what we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and stop further bubble and or school closures. You can support our efforts by ensuring you are

always wearing a face covering, whenever you are picking up and dropping off your child. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering please bring this to my attention.

### **Wacky Wednesday**

I would like to thank everyone for embracing Wacky Wednesday so enthusiastically! We have taken the decision to carry on with our Wacky Wednesday's, until the Easter holiday so that everyone has an opportunity to be 'wacky' together.

### **Dogs on the school site**

A polite reminder, especially as all children return to school; dogs **should not be** brought onto the school site at any time.

### **Chapel Lane development**

As many of you will have already seen; the housing development on Chapel Lane has begun in earnest this week. I would strongly encourage you to ensure your children walk with you, at all times and not be allowed to run ahead by themselves. We are in ongoing discussions with the developers about safety measures but please do take extra care and ensure if you are driving to and from school you take extra care and drive slowly.

### **Thank you**

I would like to end this newsletter with a 'thank you' for the very many supportive and kind thank you messages sent to my staff this week. In these challenging times, it means a great deal to us all so, on behalf of all my staff: thank you!