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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to report that students have returned to full lessons in school with a very positive attitude, excellent behaviour and full adherence to our Covid systems of control.

The first week of Lateral Flow Testing in school went very smoothly. Tomorrow, tutors will be issuing a box of 7 self-test kits to those students who have completed supervised tests in school. Please ask your child about this when they return home from school so you can keep the box in a safe place.

When should we do the tests?

Please help your child(ren) to carry out a test on **Sunday and Thursday evenings, before 6.30pm**. Using those days will maintain consistency across the school community.

How can I assist with the testing at home?

Full instructions on how to complete the tests are included in a booklet which will be given to your child. Please note that the booklet inside the sealed box is out of date and the updated instruction booklet will be handed to your child by your tutor.

NHS guidance states that if your child is 11 years old they will need an adult to do the test; children between the ages of 12 and 17 should do the test themselves 'under adult supervision'.

Once the test is complete, your child may need help reporting the result to NHS track and trace, details for this are again in the booklet.

Can I use the tests myself?

The issued tests are for students only, however any parent of school aged children is allowed to collect their own free self tests. More details [here](#) for Swindon (Broadgreen community centre or Wroughton Park and ride) and details [here](#) for Cirencester.

What do I do if my child tests positive?

- 1) Your child must self-isolate immediately, and for the next 10 full days to prevent further spread of the virus. Household members and other 'close contacts' must also self-isolate (more information [here](#)).
- 2) Report any positive tests to
 - a. covid@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk before 7pm
 - b. NHS test and trace (as per instructions in the booklet)
- 3) Book a PCR test immediately to confirm the result ([here](#))



Following your notification of a positive test, we will phone you to discuss any 'close contacts' your child may have had in school. Mr Evans will write to parents later this week with more information about that process.

What if my child has not completed enough tests in school?

In this instance, unfortunately we are not permitted to issue take home tests for your child. You may still pick up household tests for adults from the Swindon or Cirencester locations mentioned above.

Thank you for your continued support of our Covid system of controls.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Eckersley', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roger Eckersley

Assistant Headteacher