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Dear Parent/ Carer

It has been fantastic to see the children return to school this week; enjoying learning as a class together again, in person! There has been a real buzz about the school and its so lovely to hear the classrooms full of children - just a few updates at the start of our return.

Guidance - lateral flow tests for bubbles

As previously stated in the update letter from DBAT, NHS Test and Trace announced that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

through your employer, if they offer testing to employees

by collecting a home test kit from a local test site - anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests

by ordering a home test kit online - please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular

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testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Parking

With a return to school, I appreciate how busy pick up and drop off times are but please be considerate to local residents. We will follow up any complaints with the PCSO.

Homework

We will begin to set homework again, in line with our policy, the week beginning 22nd March.

CPRE/Hills Best Kept Village Competition 2021

The school would really love to support the village in this competition. The judges will visit the village during May and June. They don't want "pretty" but they do want "well kept". If you feel that you are able to donate a shade loving plant, we would really appreciate it.

Friday 19th March - Red Nose Day

We would like to support this cause and ask that the children wear non-uniform that day, for a small donation. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we do ask that the children do not bring any red noses that they buy, into school.

Remote Learning Survey

It would be really helpful to collect parent and carer views regarding our remote learning offer and I would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey, using the link below.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/86W6OV/>

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Warburton