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Dear Parent/Carer

Another Friday is here again and what a pleasure to share that it has felt busy across the Trust; busy with learning and buzzing classrooms and less "Covid-19" busy. This is a welcome relief to all!

With this week seeing the completion of in-school testing for secondary aged students and the first opportunity for home testing for those aged 11+ from last Wednesday, along with staff twice weekly testing, we have seen a couple of cases where asymptomatic students have tested positive (at South Axholme Academy) resulting in some students needing to self-isolate. However, when we consider the number of tests carried out across the Trust (more than 2,500), we have been pleasantly surprised at how few cases we have seen.

To continue to support us and our communities, I would urge you to also complete twice weekly home tests (as families with school aged children, you are able to access twice weekly home lateral flow test kits) so that we can help to prevent the spread of the virus in our academies and local areas. Further information and how to access these kits can be found using this [link](#).

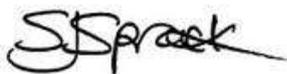
Please remember that should you get a positive test result from a home test kit you MUST self-isolate until a PCR test is completed, to confirm the home test result.

Please also remember that home test kits (lateral flow tests) are for those who are asymptomatic only. Anyone displaying Covid-19 symptoms must book a PCR test by calling 119 or using this [link](#).

Across the Trust we await further updates from government to see what (if any) changes will be made to current guidance for schools and academies as part of the road map out of lockdown, but anticipate that this will not be before the Easter break.

In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care and keep safe



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