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Dear Parent/Carer

On our final day of term before the Easter break, I am emailing to share with you where we are up to in terms of Covid-19 planning for after Easter, as we have had several enquiries from parents about changes in light of the change in restrictions nationally. Firstly, we are extremely pleased with how well our planning and subsequent measures implemented across the Trust to date have supported a smooth and safe return to full-time, face-to-face learning for all students and staff.

At the time of writing this email, there have been no updates from government regarding bubbles in schools or the wearing of face coverings (staff or secondary students), although we are anticipating further information at some point over the Easter break. As such, at the present time, all current measures associated with Covid-19 that have been in place this term at our individual academies will continue upon our return. Unless there is anything significant that changes, we will not contact you again until we return on Monday 19 April 2021.

Over the break, I would strongly encourage those who are eligible, to continue to self-test twice weekly for Covid-19 (**if you are asymptomatic**). Free home Covid-19 self-test kits are available for families who have school-aged children using the link [here](#). Once on the page, click the "collect test" section.

Please note that self-test kits for families **are not** available to collect from any of our academies. If you take a home test kit and obtain a positive result, the whole household should self-isolate immediately and a PCR test booked as a matter of urgency for the person who tested positive. If the result of the PCR test is positive, then self-isolation must continue up to and including 10 days from the home test. If the result of the PCR test is negative, self-isolation can stop and the household return to normal.

If you or anyone in your family is displaying Covid-19 symptoms, a home self-test kit **is not** appropriate. Anyone who has symptoms of

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

must book a PCR test. To do this you should phone 119 or click [here](#).

Finally, I would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter break. I look forward to working with you and your children next term, in what I hope are increasingly more "Covid-19 free" times. To get to this stage, please ensure that you and your families continue to follow all guidance and safeguard yourselves and others whilst we are not at school.

Take care and keep safe



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