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Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to see our young people outside after school at sports practices this week – it feels like a return to a bit of normality. I hope they have enjoyed training again.

Lateral Flow testing

The process of testing our pupils is now complete. I am pleased to report that we have had no positive test results. Let's hope that is a reflection of the low rates of infection locally and pray this continues. I am very grateful to the team in school for making this happen. We are, however, glad to get our gym back!

Face Coverings

Thank you for sending your child in with a face covering each day. Please make sure that they are washed or replaced daily to ensure good hygiene.

Sickness Bug

We have had a number of children off ill with sickness bugs this week. If your child has been ill with a sickness bug, please do not send them in until 48 hours have passed since the last episode of vomiting.

Home testing

Mr Gomersall has written to you separately today regarding home testing and your child will be coming home with their test kits today.

Test collection for parents

A reminder that the University test collection centre is open from 1pm – 8pm for collection for tests for parents and carers only. Children will be given their test kits in school.

I have been informed that the Caton Road test site is also open for test kit collection for parents and carers after 1pm.

Instrumental/vocal lessons

We are delighted that instrumental lessons have resumed in person this week for those who opted to have remote sessions earlier in the term; any such pupils will be automatically enrolled for the summer term, unless we have received written notice to the contrary.

After Easter, we look forward to welcoming back all our other instrumentalists and singers for in-person lessons and those who paused these last term will have received an email from Mr Gillthorpe today asking any such parents to confirm their children's lessons.

Any pupils who would like to start instrumental or vocal lessons should speak to Mr Gillthorpe, or their classroom Music teacher, to request an application form.

Easter Holidays

We will finish at the normal time next Friday, 26 March, for the Easter holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal

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