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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all continue to be safe and healthy and your son or daughter is looking forward to school next week.

It has been a busy start to the half term and staff have been working hard to prepare the school for re-opening next week. We are all looking forward to welcoming students back. I know a lot of important documents have been sent out regarding the testing that will take place over the next two weeks in school, plus guidance on how the school will operate safely, which is in line with government guidance and also endorsed by public health England. Please take the time to read the documents carefully and that all the requirements are followed by your son/daughter so that they can return to school safely and confidently.

The next three weeks will be a transition period for all students as they move from remote learning back to full-time face-to-face teaching again and the focus will be on ensuring that this transition is positive, engaging and supportive. Hopefully, we will be able to relax some of the additional safety measures we have had to put in place (like the wearing of masks in class) after Easter. Our aim is to get the school back to normality but it will be a process dictated by health and safety and public health guidance.

Hopefully, there will be no positive cases once we return to school but I have attached the 'quick reference guide for parents' again. Please refer to this if, unfortunately, there is a positive case in your household and use the email [covidpositivereporting@ousedale.org.uk](mailto:covidpositivereporting@ousedale.org.uk) to report any positive cases. If there is a positive case in school the procedures of self-isolation that were in place before Christmas will be followed.

Finally, we understand that some of you, and your sons and daughters, are concerned about the lateral flow self-tests that will occur next week. I know information has already been sent out this week but an instructional video is provided on:

<https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo?list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYIVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ&t=52>

to help with taking the test. Please do remember the wonderful, experienced staff at the test centres will support and guide your children through the process.

It is fantastic to have the students back in school and once again thank you for your support with remote learning, testing in school and at home and the return to face-to-face learning. It has not been easy and your support has been invaluable. I have no doubt once the warm weather returns we will be able to invite you back to school as well.

Keep smiling! And stay safe and healthy.

Regards,



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Acting Headteacher