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19th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I trust this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

We have been delighted with the students' return to face-to-face teaching and to school life. They continue to be fully engaged with their learning and are thriving with the social interactions with their peers. We have received positive comments from visitors to the school this week regarding the conduct of our students and the positive learning environment.

As I write this communication, the lateral flow testing programme has been successfully completed, with the vast majority of our students having received 3 tests. This means that the school has completed over 6,500 tests in the last 2 weeks. I would like to thank the students and staff for their excellent cooperation and patience with the process, which was a key ingredient to the success of the testing programme. We should all be proud of our efforts in supporting the nation through the pandemic.

You will have received an Parentmail from Claire Penny, Senior Assistant Headteacher, regarding the distribution of home tests. These are to be administered at home over the coming weeks. Can I please ask that you familiarise yourself with the instructions on the ParentMail and notify the school, via covidpositivereporting@ousedale.org.uk, if your child tests positive. Please ensure that you reserve one of the tests for Sunday, 11th April so we can all return to school with confidence after the Easter break.

The last week of the spring term is upon us and we are set to embark on another unusual Easter holiday. The period of face-to-face teaching before the Easter break has been a useful transition for all of us and, as we move to the summer term, the pastoral team will be sending out communications regarding standards of uniform in terms of hoodies, coats and PE kit..

I am sure that Mr Glover will write to you next week, however, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a restful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



Paul McFadden
Senior Deputy Head