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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we prepare to welcome all children back to school on Monday, I have some additional updates and information for you.

### **Rapid Lateral Flow Tests**

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of school staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly rapid lateral flow test through: your employer if they offer testing to employees; at a local test site; by collecting a home test kit from a test site or by ordering a home test kit online.

Collecting test kits- You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment. Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

Ordering home test kits online- If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

The link below will help you to find out more, including the location of your nearest collection point.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

As you are aware, these meetings will take place via Zoom or telephone call during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. Most of these will take place on the afternoon/early evening of 23<sup>rd</sup>



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and 24<sup>th</sup> March, however teachers may spread these across other days that week. They will get in touch with you by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March to arrange a suitable time.

Please be aware that Zoom meetings will not be recorded but another staff member will be present in the room when these meetings take place.

We would advise that wherever possible, you make an appointment for a time when your child will not be present and you can be in a quiet space with no interruptions so that this mirrors the usual parent/teacher meeting experience.

If you require an additional meeting with Mrs Wise to discuss your child's Special Educational Needs or to discuss any additional aspects with me, this can be arranged. Please let your child's Class Teacher know if this is needed or contact the School Office.

I have attached our full Organisation Plan for you and the Durham Schools Risk Assessment is now on our school website. I have also attached our Term Dates for 2021-22 and a letter to remind parents/carers about continuing to observe social distancing guidance on school premises.

Have a lovely weekend and we are so looking forward to seeing everyone back together again on Monday!

Mrs Lavelle

Headteacher



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