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Dear Parents/Carers

It is great to see so many of our young people back in school, with a return to routines, and face to face teaching and learning. All we can hope is that there are no spikes or surges that cause restrictions to continue any longer than they have to, but it is timely, to pass on some details and reminders being sent via Government and Lancashire Public Health as we head toward the Easter holidays in two weeks.

### **Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) at Home**

All our young people will be given the opportunity to follow the process of **twice weekly home testing**. Those who have already indicated they would like the kits containing testing equipment and instructions will have them sent home this week and the details of how to use and report the test will come with them. **This is voluntary, but is highly recommended to support the overall safety of all students and staff and is included in the schools control measures and risk assessments.** If you haven't already indicated you require a kit then please let the office know.

**Please note - our students will not be tested whilst in school.**

**School will continue to follow the practise that if anyone shows any signs or symptoms of the virus whilst in school they must be collected from school and undergo a PCR test either at a test centre or via a postal test as soon as possible.**

School only need be informed if there is a positive test result which in turn **MUST BE** confirmed by a standard PCR test done in a testing centre or by post.

### **Restrictions on Travelling** - Easter holidays

Government's current guidance regarding BOTH travel out of the 'local' area and international travel is that we are still in a National Lockdown with a 'stay at home' message in place even though some restrictions are easing.

**Whilst the stay at home restrictions are in place, people are only allowed to travel abroad if they have a legally permitted reason and it is still illegal to leave the 'local' area without a reasonable excuse.**



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This means that, all returnees to the UK must book two PCR tests (for day 2 and 8 on their return) before they are allowed to travel back to the UK for PCR test and returnees must either quarantine at home or in a managed quarantine hotel for 10 days when they arrive back.

**In light of this guidance, children who have travelled either out of the area or abroad will be required to self-isolate for 10 days before they can return to school as part of schools risk assessment and control measures.**

On a different note, as part of the wider re-opening plans, we will be re-starting the before school breakfast club for those early arrivals and a couple of after school clubs as we come back after Easter. Further information will be sent out in due course once staffing and the actions from guidance are in place.

**Comic Relief on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** (the end of this week) – will be a welcome change, some fun and raise a few laughs and a bit of cash – **it will be a non-uniform day.**

I have also enclosed a flyer from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity who fundraise to support NHS projects and initiatives. They are asking people to do something that links to the number 30 (30 days in April) and choose something that MAKES YOU HAPPY and raise money by doing it. It could be drawing 30 pictures (1 a day), or walking 30k throughout April, or singing 30 songs! The sky is the limit with ideas. Registration is free and t-shirts are available upon request. Further details are available by googling: [Super Spring Challenge - NHS Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity \(lthcharity.org.uk\)](https://lthcharity.org.uk)

Thank you for all your positive support over the past few months and as we move forward to the Easter break.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shaun Jukes'.

Shaun Jukes  
Headteacher