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Dear Parent/Carer of Y8

LFD tests (Lateral Flow Device)

I hope you are well.

As you are already aware, we have been directed by the Government to begin the full re-opening of the school w/c 8 March. Part of the conditions of opening is to test as many students as possible three times within the first two weeks. Students are not to go back to face-to-face teaching until they have had their first negative test result.

Therefore, we are proposing testing all students on the **Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 March** and once they have had their test, they will go home, if the test is void or positive, we will contact you to let you know. We have brought in eight additional trained staff to enable us to do this and if everyone sticks to their role by being here on time and following instructions, we believe we can complete this over two days.

If we are successful, this means that on **Wednesday 10 March**, we can invite all students back into school where they will spend the first two lessons with their form tutor who will welcome them back, check on their wellbeing, remind students about the COVID 19 safety measures around the school and any other expectations that we feel need to be discussed. They will begin classroom-based lessons on Period 3.

The second test will take place on Thursday 11 March and Friday 12 March. This time, students will be taken from class to the testing site and, once completed, they will return to their lesson. The same procedure will take place on Monday 15 March and Tuesday 16 March, which will mean all three tests will be completed and students can start to test at home. We will distribute to students their home testing kits, which they should be able to self-administer because they will have had three practices in school, with supervision. If you feel your child may need support with their self-administered test, please contact the school.

Students who opt out of the tests will be expected back to school on Wednesday 10th March.

Your child is expected in at the following time for their first test. Please ensure they are here at the beginning of their session, they socially distance themselves and they are wearing a face covering. They do not need to be in uniform on this day. They are to line up at the front of the main school entrance when further instructions will be given.



Tuesday 9th March

8 Catley	9.00am – 9.15am
8 Fox	9.15am – 9.30am
8 Leeming	9.30am- 9.45am
8 Phillips	9.45am -10.00am
8 Stead	10.00am – 10.15am
8 Steed	10.15am – 10.30am

Yours sincerely



Loz Wilson
Headteacher

