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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank all parents and students for their support and patience since we have returned to face-to-face teaching in March. School will re-open after the Easter Break on 19 April 2021.

Public Health England requested that families are made aware of the following:

Stay safe over Easter

COVID-19 infection rates are still high in Hounslow, so it is important families test twice a week to help stop the spread of infection. Lateral Flow Tests are only available for those who **do not** have COVID-19 symptoms.

The School has provided your child with additional Lateral Flow Home Test Kits so that they can continue to test twice a week over the Easter holidays. Please ensure your child conducts a test on Sunday 18 April before returning to School.

All parents and carers are also eligible to collect a free Lateral Flow Test. Please find your nearest collection point here [click here](#).

Other ways to get your family tested:

- *via your employer if they are offering Lateral Flow testing to employees*
- *order a home test kit online: [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)*
- *through London Borough of Hounslow Testing [sites](#) and Mobile Testing Units. For locations and opening hours, please keep an eye on their [Twitter](#) page.*

If you think you have COVID-19 symptoms [book a test online via the NHS website](#) or call 119

The Minister for Education, Gavin Williamson, has also written a letter to students praising their resilience and positivity;

[A letter to young people from Gavin Williamson MP, Secretary of State for Education - Education in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Finally, a few reminders for the beginning of next term

- parents should consult our website before buying School Uniform
- all COVID protocols will remain in place for the remainder of the year
- students need to remain within their designated Year Group Bubbles.

Year 11, 12 and 13 students, who would have taken public examinations this summer, will receive further guidance from the School upon their return. They have been provided with a timetable for the assessments they will be sitting in April and early May. These assessments will play a pivotal role in determining Centre Assessed Grades. We strongly encourage all students to use the Easter Break to prepare effectively.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 in the first six days of the holiday, please inform the School by leaving a message detailing your child's name and Tutor Group, on **07544 836364**.

We wish everyone in our community a safe and happy Easter Break

Yours faithfully

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