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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been extremely pleasing and heartwarming this week to see the students returning to school after such a long period of non-attendance. The phased return back into school life has enabled us to test students and focus on welcoming students back by ensuring we could timetable the pastoral support needed after a lengthy absence.

The vast majority of students have accessed a lateral flow test on site, and we will provide two further tests next week as we move towards providing home testing kits. I would like to thank you for your support in helping to keep our community safe. Also, to thank the many staff who have been involved in planning, organising and delivery of the process since January. The volunteers from our local community have also helped in providing a safe, effective and smooth process and a huge thank you to all of them. It has been humbling to see the volunteers supporting our school at this time.

I would also like to thank you for ensuring your child has a face covering. The Government are reviewing the use of face coverings in the classroom at Easter and I will communicate further following any guidance issued. We will keep it under review in school until then, but it is expected to remain as strong advice until the end of this term.

Next week commencing 15th March all students will return to school and this will edge us a little closer to normality. Mrs Garnett has written a letter outlining expectations and routines as a reminder for everybody.

The Government has recently announced that households with secondary age students and staff, including childcare support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home. This also applies to adults working in the wider school community. The twice weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site, by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Schools will not be allowed to issue test kits to families (just students).

Test kits can be collected from the sites listed below during the stated hours only. Further collection points may be available soon.

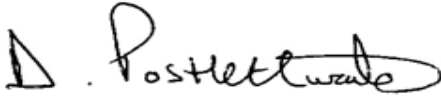
Town	Venue	Times
Macclesfield	Covid-19 Test Centre Site: LTS612 Commercial Road Car Park SK10 2QJ	1.30 – 7.00pm Monday - Sunday
Crewe	Local Test Site: 121 Crewe Chester Street Car Park CW1 2ER	1.30 – 7.00pm Monday - Sunday



If you have any queries about the tests, you can call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines from 7.00 – 11.00pm every day).

Finally, we are all really pleased to see our students back in school after this period of absence and I am sure we will return to our normal routines quickly and efficiently. It really was a pleasure to welcome them all back in this week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Postlethwaite'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping underline.

D Postlethwaite
Headteacher