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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy Easter everyone. I hope you are looking forward to the school break ahead, to the long bank holiday weekend and to enjoying this time of Spring festivities with loved ones, family and friends. As the national restrictions change we also hope that you have lovely plans to see faces that perhaps you haven't seen in a while in your gardens and local parks. Do enjoy it!

This week we brought Fun Friday forward to Wednesday and celebrated Easter with all students by giving out over 800 Easter Eggs. We really hope they enjoyed their treat and we saw many students as we said goodbye on the gate chomping away in delight. Some very eager students even managed to eat the whole thing in one bite!

As we move into holiday time it's important that I remind you of the ongoing need to continue contact tracing in relation to Covid-19. If a student tests positive for Covid-19 (either through LFD at home testing or PCR testing) we may need to complete contact tracing within the school community. Therefore, please call the school on the out of hours line using 07342082797 to report this to the school.

I also want to take this opportunity to ensure all parents are aware of the latest guidance in relation to at home testing for Covid-19. Home test kits (LFD tests) were distributed to all student so they can continue twice weekly testing during the holiday. For more information about at home testing please follow this [link](#). Latest guidance from the DfE states:

"pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either [online](#) or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days. Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff member, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation"

Finally, I want to remind all parents of our expectations for the return to school. School is closed to pupils on Monday 19th April for staff inset. School will resume for all year groups on Tuesday 20th April. All students should arrive on time through their usual gate by 8:40am in full school uniform with full equipment. Tuesday will be a "normal" school day including all our routines like homework expectations and P6 for Y11.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Yours faithfully,

Ms K Brown
Headteacher