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Dear families,

RE: The importance of home testing as a control measure

I am writing to thank all families that participated in the onsite lateral flow tests. Whilst testing made the start of the new academic year a little more complicated, the mature and orderly manner in which students conducted themselves led to the process being as straightforward as we could have hoped.

Overall, **three out of every five** students took part. Whilst this number is pleasing, this is less than in our previous round of testing. Moreover, although the number of positive cases we detected remained low, there were more than last time.

We understand the inconvenience a positive lateral flow test may cause a family, especially when your child may be asymptomatic, but detecting cases before mixing with the general school population is a very important measure in minimising any possible disruption to everyday school-life.

This week, all students will be able to collect two test kits so they can continue testing at home whether they have participated in onsite testing or not. Tests should be done twice a week on **Monday** and **Thursday** mornings **before coming into school**, if this is not possible then the night before is fine.

Maintaining a regular home testing habit allows everyone to play their part in protecting each other.

Results simply need to be reported to NHS 'Test and Trace' at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. 'Positive' results should also be reported to us at office@ryecollege.co.uk.

Privacy notices for home tests are available on our website – opening the test kit is treated as consent. If you would like your child to continue testing but have difficulty putting arrangements into place, please contact us. All testing is free of charge.

Further information about all our testing can be found on our website at www.ryecollege.co.uk/mustknow/nhstesttrace.

If you have any further questions feel free to email office@ryecollege.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. D. Downes
Head of College