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Dear Parents/carers,

I just wanted to catch up as we head towards the Easter Break and the start of Spring. The big news is that we have all the students back in school, which is wonderful. We are really enjoying the buzz of the students around the school and fingers crossed we can start to return to normal as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support with the students returning, the testing has gone exceptionally well. The good news is we have not had any positive tests. The in-school testing would not have been possible without the support of the school community and I want to take this opportunity to thank our testing team, who have been so supportive throughout.

Students have been returning home this week with their testing kits. Please remember that your child must test themselves, twice a week. This should be completed on a Sunday and Wednesday evening.

The school only needs to be made aware if a student tests positive.

Your support with wearing masks in school has also been appreciated and hopefully we may see that reduced after half-term and we await DFE guidance on that. We will of course confirm any changes to arrangements as soon as we have any news.

Year 11 students have returned to the news that we will be having some standardised assessments next term and these will form part of the package of evidence teachers will use to predict grades for the summer. We do realise how stressful this whole process is for everyone and we will keep Year 11 students, parents and carers fully informed. We are expecting to send out more details before the Easter break.

Finally, we have completed the Year 9 Options Process and we will be in contact with parents/carers if there are any issues with this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Nicholson