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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19: Testing & Self Isolation

I wanted to thank all of you for your support during this week when students are having to learn from home due to the impact of positive cases on the school community and, in particular, the number of staff who are having to self-isolate.

As you will know, the County Council and the NHS are advising that all students at the school should be tested for Covid-19 so that anyone who is positive, but is showing no symptoms can quickly self-isolate to avoid the transmission of the virus any further. In order to get your child tested please follow the guidance on the attached letter from the Director of Public Health for Cumbria County Council.

Having spoken to a number of parents yesterday, I wanted to clarify that, whilst all students are currently learning from home and not attending school, very few actually need to be self-isolating. The key reason why children are learning from home is because we have so many staff currently self-isolating that it is not possible to have children in school this week.

Thus, when they are not doing their school work online, the overwhelming majority of students are able to carry on with their normal lives, albeit within the current restrictions of the lockdown. We have previously written individually to every family whose child currently needs to self-isolate. If we have not written directly to you specifically about your child, then at the moment they do not need to do so.

I hope that this clarifies the situation for all families. If you are still unsure, please contact us via email at info@rrca.org.uk Likewise, I would repeat the Council's recommendation that parents should get their children tested so that we can use this week to identify any students who may be inadvertently carrying the virus.

Thank you for your assistance at this time. I appreciate that having your child learning from home can cause logistical problems for parents but I am very pleased to hear from staff that yesterday's learning has gone very well for all Year Groups.

Yours faithfully

**Oli Tomlinson, Regional Director
on behalf of Miss Bacon, Principal**



Principal: Miss C Bacon

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