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Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year! I do hope you had a great Christmas and are ready for the new term. This week we have started our mass testing program and started our phased return with all students returning on Monday 10th January. By now you will have already seen the letter from Cumbria County Council which outlines expectations around testing and self-isolation for families. However, I felt the need to clarify some of the expectations and key contact points within the Academy.

Covid-19 Regulations

In line with DfE guidance all students and staff are expected to take twice weekly LFD tests. If your child tests positive, please email covid@rrca.org.uk so the Attendance Team can code your child accurately. Please refer to the isolation guidance outlined in the recent Cumbria County Council guidance which you can find [HERE](#). If you require any more test kits, please liaise with your form tutor and/or Head of Year who would be more than happy to help.

Alongside testing we also have a range of measures in school to keep staff and students safe. This includes the wearing of face coverings, enhance cleaning, sanitisation stations and designated seating for breaks and lunchtimes. We will run through this with students on Monday during their reintegration lesson.

Remote Learning

As you will have seen in the press all students are entitled to a full suite of learning whether they are in school or self-isolating. As a school we are very proud of what we have offered in the past and have reinforced expectations at the start of this term. All students can access their lessons live or have a range of assignments set through Teams. Information on how to do this is on our school website and can be accessed [HERE](#).

At this present time our staff absence remains broadly in-line with our expectations. However, you will be aware that schools have been advised to put a range of contingency plans in place. This includes:

- Covering lessons through excess staff capacity
- Covering lessons through supply agencies
- Merging classes together
- Shutting down year groups (remote learning)

Please be reassured that we will only shut down a year group as a last resort. If we do shut down a year group, you will be informed via email and in-app message as soon as possible. We will continue to run a hub school for our vulnerable students in the event of a year group shut down.



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As a school we are very fortunate to be a part of United Learning Trust who have supported students by providing Chromebook and broadband dongles to families that need access to support learning. A reminder if any students require this support, please contact Mr Dyer on Nicky.Dyer@rrca.org.uk and he will be able to advise on the best support for your child.

Safeguarding Support

Over the next term we do anticipate that some students will be self-isolating at different points. Your Head of Year and the Safeguarding Team will keep in touch to check-in on students prior to their return.

However, I wanted to remind you that we do have our email address safeguarding@rrca.org.uk if you have any safeguarding concerns or use the “tell someone” link on our school website.

Live Broadcast

As we start a new term, I will be running a Live Broadcast to outline our key priorities this term and share some of our successes from the Autumn Term. This will take place on Thursday 13th January, 5 – 6 pm. You can find the link on our website. The broadcast will be recorded if you are unable to attend our event live.

We are really pleased to be welcoming all students back on Monday. Please remind your child that it will be Week B and period 1 on Monday is tutor time as part of reintegration process.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all of your support over this week as we start to open the school for the new term, and I will be writing to you next week in our fortnightly newsletter.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Markham
Principal