



12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first week back in school, I would like to extend my thanks to you all for your help in making the transition back to the classroom as seamless as possible. Whilst we appreciate that, for the vast majority of our young people, the return to school has signified a very welcome step towards 'normality', for others it has been a time of some anxiety. I am sure your children will share our great sense of relief that the first week has now come to a close.

You will be aware that as part of the transition we have been carrying out the Covid-19 testing programme. All students with consent have now had at least one of their three on-site tests and we will complete the second test round on Monday next week.

I'm delighted with the way our students have responded to this. They have been very sensible and we have received fantastic feedback from the Covid testing team and our own supervisory staff. Without exception, every student has conducted themselves in a mature and dignified manner which has made us, and should make you as parents and carers, very proud. This is also true regarding wearing face coverings in lessons and the other measures we have in place in school. Once again students have shown a strong sense of citizenship as they play their part in an effort to reduce infections.

As the third and final on-site test takes place next week, your child will be issued with a supply of home testing kits to enable tests to be carried out twice weekly at home until further notice. Full instructions will be supplied with the kits including details of how to register the test results with NHS Test and Trace. We are also requesting that you advise the school of the test results using the following link. It is not necessary to send screen shots or any other email regarding proof of the test results and all information supplied will be protected in line with the privacy policy previously issued to you.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YsjDbo304UaWWMFgOWnMkLDHeDwxUxNHp0yHtShVYJRUNVZVMk80UDJVNEI5NDJTM0hPMTFXRkRWVY4u>

If you have not previously consented to the on-site testing, but would like your child to be issued with home testing kits, please email [cv19testing@castlerocksch.uk](mailto:cv19testing@castlerocksch.uk) and we will arrange this for you.

With best wishes

**Mr D Baldwin**  
**Head of The Castle Rock School**