



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you well and safe.

As we close this week, I want to extend my gratitude to you for all the support you have given the school with the onsite testing programme. Giving consent to your child to be tested has helped us enormously to keep our community safe. Thanks to the team of experienced test operatives, they have enabled our Asymptomatic Test Site to run smoothly and efficiently and given guidance and help to our students on how to self swab ready for when they do this at home.

I am pleased to say that all results, so far, have been negative, however, that does not mean that we are relaxed with our other safety measures. We are maintaining our rigour on hand and respiratory hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of face coverings (unless exempt) in communal spaces and in classrooms. We do not want complacency at this time. Please remind your child to adhere to our covid rules and expectations including staying in their bubble area.

I wrote to you at the beginning of this week to inform you about the next stage of Home Testing and that your child would be bringing kits home to test twice weekly. Years 13 to 10 have received their kits. We will distribute to Year 9 today and Years 7 and 8 on Monday. These kits are being distributed to students who have taken the three tests at our Asymptomatic Test Site.

The imperative with Home Testing is that it is done, and that the results are shared with the NHS and with us. To make this easier, we created links on our [website to report results](#). Thank you to families who have already reported test results via the google form on the website or by our dedicated covid email address.

Students will have to continue to test during the Easter break and report their results in the same way. They will be given additional test kits once they have used all the tests and reported them in. Please visit our dedicated section on our website, [Covid-19 Home Testing](#) where you will find further information and guidance on home testing. However, please contact the school should you have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of the community of St Martin's, I want to again send my deepest and heartfelt sympathies and condolences to families who have lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Please visit our dedicated [bereavement](#) and [remembrance](#) sections on our website, or contact me for any support you may need.

Blessings

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