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Dear Parents,

We enjoyed celebrating World Book day this week and we are really looking forward to having all the children back in school on Monday. We know that some children might be a little nervous, but as we set out last week, the routines will largely be as they were before Christmas. We will be doing a lot of work on these routines next week to get everyone settled back into school life. We also know that one of the things children are looking forward to is catching up with their friends. Teams and Zoom chats are not the same! Please help us to ensure a smooth re-start to school by talking to your children and following the directions that were sent out last week. This particularly applies to the start and end of the school day and following social distancing guidance on the playground.

We have also been asked to share the following information from the DfE.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Primary schools cannot give test kits to parents, carers or household members. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

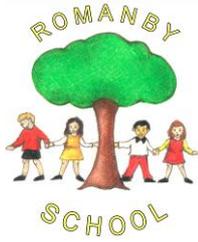
- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.



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Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Travelling to school safely

- If you live a short distance from your school walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey

For those of you who have borrowed a laptop for home learning please can they be returned to school by the end of next week so that they can be reset to work in school.

Please remember that parents must not enter the school building unless you have made an appointment. Please contact the office by phone or email if you need help.

Over the coming weeks we will update you as and when we get further guidance from the DfE or local authority.

We all hope that everyone has a good weekend and is looking forward to Monday!

Yours sincerely,

J. Foxwell



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