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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

I have been really impressed with how the students have returned to school this term. The majority have started 2022 with a very keen and positive approach towards their learning which is really pleasing to see. For those students that came into school to take part in the Lateral Flow testing last week, they conducted themselves with great maturity. In line with the government recommendation, the majority of our students have returned with a face mask, and have worn those when moving around the school site and during lessons. Thank you to all of you for your support in helping to make the start of the spring term run so smoothly.

It seems hard to process that as another new year begins, we are all still having to manage the daily challenges that the pandemic continues to present us with. As I am sure you are aware, as the Omicron variant of Covid-19 continues to surge, the government has temporarily changed the way testing for the Coronavirus takes place. As of today, confirmatory PCR tests following a positive result on a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) have been temporarily suspended. This will mean that if your child receives a positive LFD test result, they will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not need to take a confirmatory PCR test.

If your child does test positive on a LFD, please send a photograph of the test to attendance@perrys.org.uk. Please place the positive Lateral Flow Device next to a piece of paper with the name and date of birth of your child written on it so that we can record it. Your child will then need to self-isolate for the next 10 days, unless they have a negative LFT on day 6 and day 7 of their isolation. If they do, they can return to school on day 7. You should also report a positive result to the NHS, either online or via telephone, as per the instructions on page 16 of the booklet in the lateral flow boxes:

Online

Please visit www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result

Or report by telephone

Please call **119**. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm, (free from mobiles and landlines)

A reminder that if your child is identified as a close contact of a positive case, including in the same household, they are still allowed to attend school unless they develop symptoms. In this instance, your child will need to complete a LFT for every day that the close contact is self-isolating.

The government continue to encourage us to complete a Lateral Flow Test twice-weekly. Please support us with this by helping your child to complete a test on a Sunday and Wednesday evening.

I am confident that the spring term will continue to be a positive one for all of our students and families. We have to remain hopeful that the pandemic will not cause any further disruption to schools and the learning of our children. On the 7th February of this half term, we are expecting an announcement from OFQUAL (The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation) on how they anticipate external examinations will run this summer term. I will write to you again once this confirmation has been received. Please also note that this half term finishes on Friday 18th February for all students at 3.15pm. With Monday 28th February being an inset day for all staff, all students will return to school on Tuesday 1st March at 8.45am.

Thank you again for your ongoing help and support. If there are any significant changes regarding the pandemic, we will be in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clare Harris
Head of School