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Dear Parent/Carer

Updates and Reminders for the Summer Term

I hope that you are well and that you have enjoyed a good break over Easter. I look forward to welcoming our wonderful students back on Monday 19th April 2021. This letter provides a few useful updates and reminders.

Face Coverings – I would like to thank the school community for their excellence in wearing face coverings before Easter. Wearing a face covering is an important 'system of control' and reduces the spread of the coronavirus. Your efforts with following school guidance, including that on face coverings, led to no cases of close or proximity contact self-isolation. This was a tremendous achievement. Over the Easter period, the Department for Education announced that face coverings will still be required to be worn in schools. Therefore, our expectations about wearing face coverings will still be in place when your child returns to school on Monday. Please remind your children to bring their own face coverings to school each day.

LFD testing - Before Easter, CoDA conducted over 700 student Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) per week. All students and staff were provided with LFT home kits, giving them the opportunity to continue testing twice per week from home. The recommendations were to continue to keep testing over the Easter period. Please encourage your child to continue with Lateral Flow Testing at home. Again, this is an important weapon in reducing the spread of the coronavirus. All the guidance needed is on the school website. Your child will be receiving some more home testing kits next term.

Easter School - Well done to all of the year 11 students who have been accessing our Easter school. The numbers of students attending has been amazing. I would also like to thank the staff who have provided the sessions – Thank You.

Social Distancing - I have been so proud with the community's efforts with following guidance to reduce the spread of coronavirus. As we return to school on Monday, please remind your children about some of the social distancing recommendations when they travel to and from school-

- Remain 2 metres apart where possible
- Walk or cycle to school where possible
- If using public transport wear a face covering
- Go straight home and do not hang around after school

Coronavirus symptoms - As a final reminder, if you do experience any of the coronavirus symptoms please book a PCR test. We have produced a leaflet that explains how to book a PCR test, please follow the link to our website - <https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/information/covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

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Proud Headteacher