



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am extremely pleased with just how well your sons and daughters coped with the asymptomatic testing in school that we have been offering since Christmas. Spending every morning supporting young people to administer these tests is certainly not something that I ever thought would be deemed a normal part of school life. However, the ability of young people to quickly adapt to every new challenge never ceases to amaze me.

It would be dishonest of me to say that I was going to miss offering asymptomatic testing for every child in school, although our Medical Welfare Officer will continue to provide a smaller venue for those young people who are anxious about testing at home. What saddens me about the whole process is that it was ever necessary in the first place. It was certainly not the way we wanted to welcome your sons and daughters back to school, which in part is why we opted to only use our own staff to administer the tests. If we were going to do it then I wanted it to be with the people that the students already knew and trusted. I would like to take this moment to thank them all for their tremendous efforts on behalf of your children.

Please continue to record the results from lateral flow tests every Sunday and Wednesday evening, including over the Easter holidays. The initial batch of tests sent only contained three testing kits which I must say came as a bit of a surprise to us. However, rest assured that we will be giving out extra kits to students to cover the holiday period next week.

In terms of recording results please continue to use the following 2 links to report results to NHS and to the school directly:

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

[Link to report to school](#)

Mr Phillips has sent important information out on MILK today to Y8 parents regarding Options and also to Y11 and Y13 with an update on the grade awarding process this summer.

Just a reminder that we break up for Easter next Thursday 1st April, 2021 at the normal time of 3.20pm and will return on Monday 19th April, 2021.

Enjoy your weekend and please remind your children that the clocks "Spring" forward this weekend - so they will have an hour less time to complete their homework!

Regards

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