

16th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you!

Thanks to your commitment in working with us, as well as the maturity of our students we "did it" together! We have successfully completed all required rounds of student COVID tests and some year groups have now finished. There is a sense of tangible hope that the future is bright; we see students happily engaged in their learning and following the safety measures we have in place. As a school we have conducted over 2000 Lateral Flow COVID-19 tests this week and have been delighted with the uptake and the mature manner in which the students have approached testing. Thank you to parents and carers for all your support in getting us all to this moment.

Test results: I would like to reassure you that we would always call you directly as soon as possible if your child tested positive. We batch upload test results to the NHS database and I am aware that there has been a time delay in receiving results which we informed you about on the 15th March. There is no need to worry about this. Assume your child's test is negative unless we tell you otherwise.

Uniform and masks: Thank you to parents and carers for supporting us in ensuring that your child(ren) has full uniform and a face covering. Please remind your child(ren) each morning to have their face covering or lanyard (in the case of exemptions) for use during the day.

Students with consent will be invited to pick up a home testing kit after their third test in school for the purpose of home testing. Students will be given an up to date guidance booklet and must register their result with NHS Test & Trace, whether negative or positive, plus inform the school. As ever any positive cases for coronavirus need to be reported to us immediately via my email account ebaker@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

We have created a google form, so each time your child completes a home test, we ask that you complete the google form so that we can track the results:
<https://forms.gle/NmzrSZ32nSPKdpTc7>

A copy of this link and letter will also be put on our website under "Parents/covid testing". Students are expected to be tested **twice** a week and this should continue during the Easter break. Students cannot collect tests for others, household family members can arrange this separately via the Local Authority testing centres, as per my letter last week.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,



Mrs Emma Baker
Principal