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Dear parents and carers

For parents who have sent their children into school this week during lockdown

In addition to the letter I have sent to all parents I wanted to write to you separately as parents of children who have been in school this week.

These are unusual times, but when visiting the classrooms this week I have seen how important the routines and structures of coming to school during this period are for those that are eligible to be here.

I have said since joining Lowton last September that, despite the pandemic, my resolve is to do all we can as a school to overcome the barriers coronavirus may put in our way, and that we will do all we can to see each child **flourish, thrive and succeed**.

The learning, structure and social interactions that school gives have been very real this week. Thank you for all you are doing to help us in school and more generally if you are also a key worker.

We have completed our second round of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing. This is going really well and gives us, students and you added peace of mind in reducing the risk of transmission of the virus. Students – where we have your consent - will be tested every Monday.

A reminder on a few things:

- We are running an **adapted timetable** in school but generally your child is following their normal subjects with Form Time each day. Please check they have everything they need each day.
- The importance of **punctuality** each day remains the same. Your child should aim to be in school by **8.15am** so that we can complete the start of day routines and checks. The school gates are locked at 8.30 am.
- Normal **uniform** and **behaviour** expectations remain place. Normal sanctions still apply if these are not followed.
- If you have still not given **consent to weekly COVID-19 testing** we would ask you to strongly consider this. All staff are being tested weekly and the vast majority of students who are here are too.

Please also read the other letter I have sent that outlines more detail that is relevant for all parents.

I am intending to write to parents weekly during this period to keep you informed of what is happening in school. Please also follow us through our Facebook page where you will see much more.

Yours faithfully,

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