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Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for returning your child's Consent Form and for allowing your child to get involved in the Lateral Flow Testing Programme. Each participant received their test pack, containing seven tests, this morning.

We have decided that our testing days across the school are going to be **Wednesday** and **Sunday** so we would respectfully ask that your child does their **first test on Sunday 28th March**. We would however recommend that they do a practice test this evening so that they can come back to us on Friday morning with any issues that arise. As tonight's testing is a "dummy run" there is no need to report the result, unless of course the response is positive and then an immediate response will be required.

There is no requirement for school communities to test over the Easter Holidays, but there is an expectation that everyone involved will test themselves before returning to school after the break.

Therefore, the dates for testing across the school are:

- **Sunday 28 March**
- **Wednesday 31 March**
- **Sunday 11 April**

There is guidance as to how to administer the test within the test pack and a 'how to test' video is available in the SWAY Presentation <https://sway.office.com/whz8dJ46JpeKLcIV?> You are advised to review these materials carefully before your child administers the test and to supervise your child as they do it.

As a participant in the programme your child is expected to report their own results, They can phone in the results using the telephone number in the test pack or they can log it at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. Again, you are asked to ensure that this reporting is done after every test is taken.

There is also a requirement that you let me know if your test result is Positive, Void or Not completed. I would ask that you do this via an email to me, through the school's information account, info@stbenedicts.randalstown.ni.sch.uk

If your child's LFD test result is positive you need to take these steps

1. Your child and your family are required to self-isolate with immediate effect. Your child must not come to school.
2. You need to book a PCR test for your child.
3. You need to contact me at school, through the school's information account, info@stbenedicts.randalstown.ni.sch.uk to let me know that your child has had a positive LFD result.
4. If your child's PCR test is negative you need to let me know and your child can return to school.
5. If your child's PCR test is positive you need to let me know and you and your family will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.
6. The Public Health Contact Tracing Service will be informed and contacts inside and outside of school will be contacted.

Please be aware that your child should not engage in the programme if they have tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days. (Christmas Eve)

I hope this is clear but if you have any questions about COVID testing, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Coulter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Catriona McAteer
PRINCIPAL