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Dear Parent or carer

### **Rapid Lateral Flow Testing**

As you are aware, a decision is soon to be made regarding the stage four freedoms of the government's roadmap, planned for 21 June 2021. At this stage we await the outcome, but it is complicated by the presence of the Delta variant, (prevalent in the North of England), with significant increases of the COVID Delta variant across Essex, with more cases being identified locally in Southend, in the past 10 days.

The Director of Public Health has informed me that there has been a rise in the local infection rates within our local schools since half term. Although this is below the infection rates of Christmas, I strongly encourage you and your family to continue to use the recommended testing programme to halt the spread of COVID across our community.

We all need to support each other by continuing to test regularly, even if you have no symptoms or you have received both vaccinations.

Additional testing kits are available to you and your family from the school, pharmacies and a home ordering service:

[Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

Please continue to test regularly and keep safe.

Yours faithfully

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