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**Newsletter – week 25**



Dear Parent/Carer

As we end the second week of our students' return, we have now completed 4233 Lateral Flow Tests in school. Our volunteers have been amazing in making the testing system run smoothly. Our students were fantastic and as of today, our lessons will return to normal.

You will all have received a separate communication about home testing in the last few days and each student has now been given their own Lateral Flow Device testing kit with instructions in how to administer these. In my whole school assembly this morning, I discussed the importance of regular testing and how we all need to keep everyone safe. The home testing will continue through to the end of the Easter holidays and students will be provided with extra kits to ensure that this can happen.

The results of the tests need to be uploaded via the link that is being sent out. Please can I ask that you all support the school in this and continue to upload the results throughout the Easter holidays. I know that lockdown restrictions are on the brink of being relaxed over the next month or so, but the pandemic is still with us and we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

We have also reactivated our [covidupdates@chalfonts.org](mailto:covidupdates@chalfonts.org) email address. If, in the unfortunate case of a positive LFD test, can you please use this email address to let us know so we can take appropriate action in forming any close proximity contacts. As a point of reference, all tests in the last two weeks all recorded a 'negative' result.

The return of our students and the contact that we have had throughout the latest lockdown, has provided a moment of reflection on the progress that we have made together over the last five years with such positive parental support. Every winter time, I ask parents to feedback on various aspects of the school through the parent survey which is the survey used by Ofsted. Whilst the questions change slightly over the years, every response has significantly improved.

A few headlines are as follows:

Question	Nov 2016	Nov 20	Difference
My child feels safe at this school	82%	<b>94%</b>	+12%
My child makes good progress at this school	71%	<b>87%</b>	+16%
My child is taught well at this school	61%	<b>83%</b>	+22%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	63%	<b>85%</b>	+22%
Would you recommend this school to another parent	68%	<b>85%</b>	+17%



*Principal: Russell Denial*

The progress we have made over recent years has been fantastic and I do want parents to know that feedback and comments through the survey, do help us shape the things we do in planning for future years. Our school is a great school because we know what we need to do to be even better and this is through working with you.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April is the end of the Spring Term and this will be a normal full teaching day which will conclude at 3.05pm with no early closure.

Whatever your weekend plans are, I hope you have a good one. For me, I am not sure I can ignore the garden for much longer!

Yours faithfully,



**Mr R Denial**  
**Principal**

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