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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into a very well deserved Easter break for students, staff and parents it is worth reflecting on how we have managed over this past half term. It was really good to be able to welcome everyone back on 8 March, even with the restrictions that remain in place around school to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your continued support with home-schooling and then returning students to school for their education.

We re-purposed our Studio Dining Room into our ATS (Asymptomatic Testing Site) as you can see from the photographs. Our team running the testing was made up of Support staff from school, a recently retired GP and Nurse, a retired Health Worker and our Head Girl from last year Annabelle Swann.

We managed over 3,000 tests in 10 days and I have to congratulate the students as they took the timetable of testing in their stride.

Testing area 1 - top of Studio



Testing area 2 - bottom of studio



Individual testing  
station set up



In the normal course of a school year I would be reporting the success of the fabulous Show Choir production masterminded by Ms Hawthorne, as with almost everything else extra-curricular this has not taken place. The restrictions due to Covid-19 have been challenging, as the ethos at Camp Hill is about demonstrating a commitment to the school community and personal character development. Our teaching in many subject areas and our assemblies are also used to develop empathy, understanding of situations around our world and appreciation of our good fortune, and this enables us to support others and to be a participant rather than an onlooker. We did manage four charity collections and raised a total of £1,522.89, along with a collection of food and hygiene products for local Food Banks and food for animal charities, and we hope to do more as the year progresses.

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I really hope that you have been able to read our Camp Hill Chronicle, this showcases all the best things about our school and students and the way in which they support our community and the wider community. It exemplifies the passion and stoicism of our students - not only in their writing but also their actions in school and beyond.

We finally received some information to enable us to plan for how we can award grades this summer and we have shared with our students and parents in the relevant years how we are going to manage this. Last weekend we received more information from the JCQ on this and we still await further information from the examination boards about their materials. Having spoken with other Headteachers across the Foundation and from other selective girls' schools I know that our plans are very much in line with others. There remains two more assessment points in April and May and our students will be very well-prepared for these by our staff.

There are a few reminders of how we would like to start the summer term:

- Students should have arrived to school by 8.45 – previously there has been some flexibility but we would like to make a prompt start to the day
- Students should be wearing their school uniform or Sixth Form dress code. As the weather continues to improve the need for coats in classrooms will decrease. Students in all years should not be wearing hoodies to school and unless students have PE they should not be in trainers.
- Students will be allowed to wear their school kit on the days they have PE or Games to avoid having to use changing rooms. We will keep you updated if the guidance on this changes.
- **Please remember to inform us if your child is unwell and is waiting on a Covid test result. If your child displays any symptoms of Covid then they should remain at home until a test result shows negative. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 please inform the school as soon as possible, in particular up until Sunday 4 April as we will have to track and trace students over the school holiday. Please email [absence@kechg.org.uk](mailto:absence@kechg.org.uk)**
- Self-testing kits have been sent home with students to continue to test via LFD testing over the holiday period. Please continue to inform the school of the results of these tests and, if possible, take a test on Sunday 18 April/Monday 19 April before returning to school after the holiday.

We are hoping that infections continue to fall and that restrictions will be updated over the holidays to allow us to plan for activities in the summer term. Thank you again for your support with the measures we have taken this term.

And of course a quote:

"Some days are like this. And the only way to get through them is to remember that they are only one day, and that every day ends." David Levithan

Take care

**Mrs Linda Johnson  
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## Further advice and support throughout the holiday period

### **Safeguarding children**

Please email [safeguarding@kechg.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@kechg.org.uk) with any safeguarding concerns. For advice please contact Children's Services ([CASS](http://CASS)): 0121 303 1888 or in an emergency please call 999.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing support**

Mental Health support, including supporting your children as parents: [Young Minds](#)

Free, safe and anonymous support through Kooth: [Here](#)

School health texting service for parents is available, which is a private and confidential helpline through the School Health Support Service: 07480635485

### **Financial Support**

Please get in touch with your child's Head of Year if your circumstances have changed and you need our support or click on the link here for further information: [Here](#)

### **Parenting Support**

Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) have shared the fantastic "From Birmingham with Love" courses for parents on bereavement, mental health and so much more: [BCP Link](#)

### **SEN Support**

Birmingham Local Offer has regular updates via their new website for support for parents of children with SEN: [Here](#)

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