

Our Ref: SST/HBr
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: March Update

I hope you are keeping well and staying safe. I wanted to thank you for your continued and ongoing support for the school, especially since we have fully reopened and are once again delivering our normal face-to-face approach.

I would like to make you aware of the following Department for Education updates that are relevant to you as parents/guardians:

1: Making a childcare bubble with another household

This is guidance on how you can get informal childcare for anyone under 14 from friends and family you do not live with. The guidance has been updated to clarify rules on eligibility for bubbles and advice on self-isolation and can be found as follows: [Making a childcare bubble with another household](#)

2: Asymptomatic testing: secondary schools and colleges

The Department for Education have revised the guidance on home testing and symptomatic testing of staff, students and pupils, which can be found as follows: [Asymptomatic testing: secondary schools and colleges](#)

3: Testing at home throughout the Easter holidays

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays. Pupils should continue to be tested twice a week at home, with a view that results are reported [online](#) as positive, negative or void. Please also test your son/daughter the night before returning to school and after the first full day back in school. Families and households can also access via the following link; [home test kits for adults](#).

Can I please ask that if your son/daughter does test positive for Covid-19 over the Easter break that you make the school aware. Please use the office@thedustonschool.org account.

I wish you all a very happy, lovely and safe Easter and I look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school on Monday 12th April.

Yours faithfully,
Mr Strickland
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