



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. As we come to the end of another term impacted by the global pandemic, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support for both your children's education and the whole school community. Your hard work has enabled students to return having continued to make progress with their education and the job you have done has been incredible. It is during the most difficult times that communities should be judged, and the challenges of the last year have shown the Maricourt family in its best light. We now have an opportunity over Easter to relax and look forward to the summer term.

Home Testing Throughout the Easter Holiday

Following the success of the asymptomatic testing programme on the return to school and college, it is vital to keep testing at home throughout the Easter holidays and into the summer term. The advice from the government is to:

- test twice a week at home from now on (all those who are able to)
- report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping us to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- continue to test twice weekly over the Easter holidays
- test before returning to school or college for the summer term, either the night before, or morning of, the first day back, to find and isolate any positive cases

Families and households can also access home testing kits via [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)s](#).

Kits have been distributed to all students who have consented to home testing.

Uniform

The girls have an option to wear the summer blouses during the summer term. Blazers and polishable black shoes without a logo are still compulsory for all students and jewellery, including earrings, are not permitted.

Bubbles and Zones

These will still be in operation after the Easter holiday. We will return to a more normal way of working as soon as possible.

Lunch Pre-Order System

Catering pre-orders for the week commencing the 12th April will need to be completed by Thursday 8th April.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter.
Stay safe and God bless.

Yours sincerely,
J Mangan
Headteacher.