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Dear Parents and Carers

Next week sees the end of another unusual term at Springwell. The college closes for the Easter break at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 31 March. Term 5 begins at 8.40 am on Monday 19 April.

I have been very impressed with the students' mature and sensible attitude since the college reopened on 8th March. They continue to be very respectful of the safety measures we have in place and are keen to keep themselves, each other and our staff safe. This is particularly true of their response to our lateral flow testing programme and to wearing face coverings in classrooms.

Over the first nine days of being open, our testing staff processed around 2,500 tests on site. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking them for their professional and caring approach. Since then testing has moved to being at home and I am grateful to you for your support with this.

In line with government guidance home testing should continue on Wednesday and Sunday evenings through the Easter break and into Term 5, with results reported both to the NHS, using the instructions in the testing booklet and to the college using this form; <https://tinyurl.com/583hbnas>. Students will be bringing home another supply of test kits next week to allow this to happen.

I expect college to reopen after Easter with the same safety measures in place. The government's roadmap involves easing some restrictions over the coming months. If we are able to make any changes in response to this, I will write to you again with the details.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the college over what has now been just over a year of living with the pandemic. I wish you and your families a safe and happy Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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