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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our preparations for the reopening of the college from Monday 8th March, we are currently planning our coronavirus testing programme. Government guidance states that all students must be offered a Covid-19 lateral flow test before we can welcome them back into college.

Before we can test your child/ren we will need your consent. Many parents and carers have already done this and we do not need you to do so again. If you have not yet given us your consent, please complete one form for each of your children, by clicking on the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycqnuuya>

If you require a paper copy of the form, please email enquiries@springwellcc.org or call us on 01246 473873.

The link below takes you to our privacy notice relating to the collecting and handling of this information.

<https://tinyurl.com/ya3jdjqa>

Our testing programme will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep college open as safely as possible. Testing is voluntary, however, we would encourage everyone to participate in the asymptomatic testing programme to help break transmission links by identifying those who may be carrying the virus unknowingly. Students who have been tested so far have told us that it is a quick and not unpleasant process. If you would like more information about the testing process please click on the following links:

How testing works:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/946612/How_to_do_your_test_COVID_19_instruction_leaflet_for_schools.pdf

Public Health England's position on asymptomatic lateral flow testing:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/daily-contact-testing-in-schools-statement-from-phe-and-nhs-tt-about-next-steps/position-statement-regarding-daily-contact-testing-in-schools-from-phe-and-nhs-test-and-trace>

We are looking forward to welcoming students back into college from Monday 8th March. I will be writing to you again soon with more detailed information about our reopening plans.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ian Wingfield'.

Ian Wingfield
Headteacher