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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you had a good Easter break and managed to see some friends/family that you maybe have not seen for a while. I am writing to update you on a couple of matters as well as reminding everyone that we all have a vital role to play in continuing to keep our community safe.

### **Testing**

Students should continue to test twice a week on a Wednesday and a Sunday evening. Please continue to log your test result at [testregister.co.uk](http://testregister.co.uk). Remember, if you want to order additional test kits for your household then you can do this online [www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

### **Face Coverings**

The government has confirmed that face coverings should continue to be worn in schools including in the classroom for the next few weeks; they are expecting to announce that this can stop in classrooms from May 17<sup>th</sup>, if the roadmap is able to proceed as planned. Please ensure that, unless exempt, your child has at least 2 face coverings with them each day.

### **Peer on peer abuse**

You will probably be aware of reports in the media over “Everyone’s invited” and concerns over peer on peer abuse. Staff are working on a programme to educate students in this area and additional material will be delivered early in this coming term through PROUD lessons.

Schools clearly have a crucial role to play in teaching young people about peer on peer abuse, and we would like to reassure parents and carers that we have robust systems and processes in place to keep children and young people safe and for them to report any incident or anything that is worrying them. All students know that they can talk to their year leader or any member of staff about any such issues. There is also the [besafe@cchs.school](mailto:besafe@cchs.school) email should parents/students prefer to email a concern. Parents/carers may find this [resource](#) from the UK Council for Child Internet Safety useful.

### **Uniform and equipment**

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform, (any issues please contact the year leader), and the correct equipment for lessons. Your support is greatly appreciated and this will save staff a lot of time at the start of each day. Please also be reminded that any facial piercings are not acceptable and hair should be of a natural colour only.

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