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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm delighted to say that overall we have seen a large reduction in the numbers of cases of coronavirus across the borough. Your efforts in helping to Keep Kingston Safe have really made a difference and I truly appreciate all you have done.

To keep this momentum going, I really encourage you to continue with twice weekly testing at home - this will help keep the virus out of our school communities and keep schools open. Please test everyone in your household and your support bubble (if you have one), to ensure we can pick up cases early and they and their contacts can immediately self isolate. This will help to reduce the numbers of other people picking up COVID-19 and keep our rates low, especially as restrictions are lifted further.

Your children will continue to receive home test kits from school, and you and your support bubble can also access home test kits through the links on our website at www.kingston.gov.uk/rapidtesting. Please remember to submit all test results to www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result and continue to inform the school of any positive test results. Please also inform your school if your child develops any coronavirus symptoms - a fever, new cough or loss or change of sense of taste or smell.

If you or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, we can help with access to food and medicine deliveries, financial assistance if you are on a low income, and support with health and wellbeing. To get help, visit www.kingston.gov.uk/Covid19-needhelp or call 020 8547 5000.

Thank you for all your efforts to protect yourselves and each other, your actions really do make a difference.

Kind regards,

Iona Lidington
Director of Public Health
Kingston Council