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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

## Re. Covid-19 National Testing Programme (17<sup>th</sup> December 2020)

In recent days, the government has announced that schools and colleges will be able to undertake rapid testing in the educational setting in the Spring Term. The strategy behind this would be to reduce the number of students and staff who would need to self-isolate due to close contact with an infectious person.

We are awaiting further guidelines from the Department of Education as to the timescales for implementing this testing. However, initial plans are clear that each school will need to create a team of people who can undertake the testing and the detailed administration which will be required in order for this to run effectively.

I am reaching out to our school community to request whether there is anyone who would be able to support the school in this process. For example, parents, retired teachers, anyone with a medical background, or involvement with groups such as Red Cross or St John's Ambulance, as well as those with other transferable skills who might in theory be prepared to support this testing. Roles required to support the testing will include Registration Assistants, Test Assistants, Results Recorder, Cleaners, and a Team Leader.

If this is something you or a family member might be able to be involved with, we would be grateful if you could email an expression of interest to [volunteer@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk](mailto:volunteer@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk) by Wednesday 6th January 2021. Please note, this email account will not be monitored from 23rd December 2020, until our return on 4th January 2021. Following this, we will be in contact with all respondents to discuss further details.

Of course, I will provide further updates and details of this programme as it progresses throughout the Spring Term, including how and when this will be administered in school.

I thank you for your support in this matter.

Best wishes

Mr Jeremy Scott  
Headteacher