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Dear Parent/Carer

Our first residential trip is only a matter of weeks away and we are all delighted that these trips are able to resume this summer after a two year absence.

Whilst the situation around COVID is certainly improving in school, the virus has not and will not go away anytime soon, so I am writing to you with information regarding our COVID protocols whilst your child is away and asking you to complete and return the slip below. These protocols will be in place for all four trips unless we notify you otherwise beforehand and are informed by the guidance shared by each of the residential centres.

Test before your child leaves

We would kindly request that you test your child on the morning before they leave for their residential trip. Whilst we are not insisting on this or will request evidence of a negative lateral flow, it will reduce the risk of anyone carrying the virus passing it on to other children/adults. Test kits are currently still available free of charge until 1st April so we recommend that you acquire a pack for the purpose of the residential visit. The link to order a kit can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

What happens if my child develops symptoms or contracts COVID whilst they are away?

The residential providers are very clear on their guidance that any child presenting with one of the recognised symptoms of COVID - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/> must be isolated from the rest of the group immediately. There are then two options:

1. You give permission for a member of school staff to supervise and if necessary assist with a lateral flow test on your child. If it comes back negative and the child is well enough to remain on the trip, then they are welcome to rejoin the rest of the year group. If the test returns a positive result, we request that the child is collected immediately by you. In the case of the Year 5 Isle of Wight trip, this will include coming across to the island.
2. If you do not give permission for your child to carry out a lateral flow test and they do have one of the recognised symptoms, we will ask that your child is collected immediately.

If you give permission for school staff to supervise or administer a lateral flow test, these tests will be provided by the school and there is no need to send these with your child on the trip.

Please complete the slip overleaf and return it to school by Friday 18th March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Smith
Deputy Headteacher



Residential Trips - COVID Protocols

Child's Name _____

Class _____

Please select from one of the two options below (please tick)

- 1) I give permission for school staff to supervise or administer a lateral flow test on my child if they develop one of the recognised symptoms of COVID.

OR

- 2) I don't give permission for school staff to supervise or administer a lateral flow test on my child if they develop one of the recognised symptoms of COVID.

Please then tick the box to agree with the statement below.

- I confirm that I will be able to collect my child at the earliest opportunity if my child tests positive for COVID via a lateral flow test or if they develop symptoms and I do not give consent for them to be tested

Signed _____

Date _____

