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Dear Parents and Carers

Mass Testing of Students - Update

I hope that you and your families are well. Thanks to the outstanding work of the team at Pilton, I am delighted to report that we have now successfully completed three rounds of Covid-19 testing in school.

Our students are a credit to you and themselves, showing mature and positive behaviour and arriving promptly at the sports hall ready to be tested.

We were very fortunate to have been able to recruit five amazingly committed volunteers from our local community to help with the testing. Without their support and commitment, we would never have got through the mass testing so quickly and smoothly.

I would also like to thank you for supporting us with the process, including registering your child's cards. This was much appreciated and certainly speeded up the process.

Mass Testing Data

The mathematicians amongst you may be interested in the following data:

Year	Take Up %
7	91
8	94
9	94
10	86
11	88

Overall, we had a 90% take up of consent for testing. We have conducted 2,774 tests in 9 working days.

Student Home Testing Kits

Most students should now have a home testing kit. Spare kits are available from the Head of Year office and tutors. We suggest testing on a Wednesday and a Sunday. All the details of home testing can be found on our website [here](#).

Thank you once again for your continued support in protecting the students, staff and community at Pilton so that teaching and learning can continue to be a priority.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to email me: bburland@pilton.college

Yours faithfully

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