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Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for participating in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Saliva Testing Programme. Alongside other steps we are taking to keep school as safe as possible for your children and our staff, regular participation in asymptomatic testing is vital to identify those most likely to spread COVID-19 to others without realising it.

### **New Recommendation**

As a result of higher transmission rates, **twice-weekly saliva testing** is now recommended. This recommendation is supported by the saliva testing programme's Scientific Advisory Group, as well as local Directors of Public Health. It will apply until rates of infection become more stable at lower levels, at which point it will be appropriate to revert to once weekly testing for ongoing surveillance and screening purposes.

With more of our school community participating and regularly testing, we are more likely to prevent the virus from spreading and causing disruption in our school community. It is more important than ever that we all do our bit to keep everyone safe and in school.

### **Saliva Testing Days**

From next week, pupils doing saliva testing should send samples to school on **Tuesdays AND Fridays**. You will receive your child's results in the normal way.

Regards,

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Headteacher