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Dear Parent/Carer

I just wanted to contact you briefly as we come to the end of our first week back in school and to share with you how delighted we have been with the attitude of our students upon their return.

It hasn't been a straightforward week for them as all those with consent have gone through the testing process. We are testing around 400 students a day and will continue with the required second and third tests next week. The team of staff working on the testing process has commented each day on the exemplary manner in which our students have conducted themselves during these tests. The swabbing process is not straightforward and students have to queue patiently for their test as well as then wait for around 30 minutes for the results following the first test. They have coped with this superbly which has made a difficult and logistically complex process more straightforward.

As you are aware from my previous correspondence, we are focusing on our Visible Consistencies to ensure all standards in school for our students are nothing short of excellent. The first explicit focus has been on uniform and again, we have been delighted with the response from our students and yourselves. I want to thank you for your immense support in ensuring your child has returned to school looking exemplary. I know and appreciate that it is not straightforward obtaining any required replacement uniform items but wherever there has been an issue of uniform not meeting the expected standard any family we have conversed with has worked with us constructively to reach a resolution and worked hard to ensure the required items are purchased.

We will only ever achieve the sustained excellence we strive for if we work in partnership together and I have been so encouraged with the level of parental support around uniform. Thank you. We aim to hold a non-uniform day at the end of each half term to reward the excellent standard of uniform so I hope this provides an added incentive for our students.

Furthermore, the general conduct of our students, adapting back to the expected school routines both in lessons and around the building, has been most encouraging across all year groups. As I have said to staff and students this week, what is great about this return to school is that our building has been transformed back into a thriving school community.

I am conscious of bombarding you with written correspondence but did not want to miss the opportunity to pass on my praise and recognition for the excellent return to school by our students and to thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to embed the highest expectations and highest aspirations for our whole school community.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher