

Dear parents and carers,

As pupils return to school this week after the half term break, we are asking you to continue to take action to keep our coronavirus rates down in Rutland.

Parents are asked to make sure they are being cautious and sensible when organising any 'gatherings' such as birthday parties or sleepovers, and are sticking to the latest guidance, including the rule of six indoors.

If anyone within your household has symptoms, you must follow the national guidance and get tested. You can book a test at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. Everyone within the household must remain at home until the test result has been received. If the result is positive you must continue to self-isolate for ten days after the symptoms began.

You are also encouraged to test regularly with rapid lateral flow tests. Lateral flow tests are for people aged 11 and over who do not have symptoms Covid-19 and are not self-isolating. You can find out more and order test kits from www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests.

We're in a much brighter position compared to the start of the year. We know it's been a tough 15 months, but the pandemic isn't quite over. If you're getting together with friends and family, take care and be sensible to avoid spreading the virus and crucially, take the opportunity to get vaccinated.

Kind regards

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