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Dear parent or carer

Well, we made it to the end of the academic year! The pandemic has definitely given us some challenges around school life this past year, but it has been made easier knowing we have the support of our parents and carers. I want to say thank you for your support and cooperation with school attendance and testing.

As your children and family get excited about the easing of restrictions and the six-week summer holidays, please can I take the opportunity to remind people that Covid has not gone away; it is still with us. Cases are rising and it is vitally important we continue to take every precaution to protect ourselves and others.

With that in mind, I would urge you to continue testing throughout the holidays, for the ongoing protection of your family, friends and the wider community.

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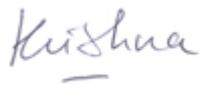
- Test twice weekly
- Supervise your children while they carry out the test
- Wait the full 30 minutes before checking the result
- Record the result on the NHS website
- If a test is positive, follow-up with a PCR test, for confirmation and to help scientists identify which variant
- If either test is positive, you **MUST** isolate. This means staying at home and keeping away from other people at all cost, so you don't spread the virus.

If you are worried about carrying out a self-test, there is assisted testing in eight pharmacies across the Borough where you can get help to do your test. If your test is positive and your household needs to isolate, there is still funding support in place for those who qualify. You can find out more about Covid and what advice and support services are in place by visiting the [Council's website](#). There is also a link to the Government webpage where you can order home tests to be delivered directly to your door. You can also get test kits from the following libraries:

- Southend Central Library at The Forum, Elmer Square, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1NS
- Westcliff Library, 649 London Road, Westcliff on Sea, SS0 9PD
- Kent Elms Library, Rayleigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 5UU
- Southchurch Library, 221 Lifstan Way, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2XG
- Leigh Library, Broadway West, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 2DA
- Leigh Community Centre, [Elm Road, Leigh-On-Sea, SS9 1SP](#)
- Shoeburyness Library, Delaware Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS3 9NS
- Or from Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, SS2 4FA

Thanks again for playing your part and keeping everyone safe. Have a great and safe summer.

Yours faithfully



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We must
keep on protecting
each other.



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