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RE: Weekly Update for all parents

Dear Parents

Thanks everyone for your continued support. There's an increasing sense of calm at drop off and pick up and I'm sure that more of you are wearing masks and keeping your distance from others. Remember the Government's message of HANDS, FACE and SPACE! The school is full of happy children and there's a really calm and purposeful atmosphere which is great.

We are starting to be effected by the shortage of COVID19 testing slots more children and some school staff are in isolation as they await a test. Some of you have managed to get tests and are awaiting the results – thank you for following the advice and isolating.

From this week the Government is asking us to telephone confirmed COVID19 test results through to the DFE directly. It's clear that access to tests is a real issue. Let's hope it's sorted sooner rather than later, as you can imagine we will experience significant disruption should a large number of staff need to go into isolation. It's starting to happen in some schools. Home learning is available for most classes in the form of the Autumn Term History units. Please take time to watch the introduction videos (Y3-Y6). We will be uploading more work for next week from the class teachers ready for the start of next week. This will be particularly valuable for those children who are isolating at home.

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Hounslow Headteachers have asked Public Health Hounslow to produce guidance for parents to help you decide when you should send your child in. We know that younger children are unlikely to present with any symptoms of COVID19. I'll pass the guidance on once we've received it.

I also need your support in the mornings. I sent a message out via the Parent App during the week about cycles in addition to this please don't allow your children to climb on the War Memorial or any of the street furniture or trees which are on Memorial Square. Keep an eye on your children and keep them with you. Thank you.

I will be writing to Y5 and Y6 parents to update you on BYOD next week.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

St Mary! Pray for Us!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Farley Marsh'.

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