



## BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the half-term, I have a number of messages to share with you.

### Testing over the holiday

We strongly encourage all students to continue to carry out twice-weekly lateral flow tests over the holiday. It's important that these results are reported to the NHS using the instructions in the box. We'd also appreciate it if everyone could test on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October before returning to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Regular testing is helping to identify people who are carrying the virus but have no symptoms – without the testing they would be unwittingly spreading the disease to others.

### Returning to school

We return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, when it will be Week B on the timetable.

### Students who've been working at home

We're really looking forward to having everyone back in school! Students who've been working at home should bring the work they've completed so that it can be stuck into books and marked. Students who have not engaged with remote learning will be supported to catch up with the work they have missed.

### Uniform expectations

Please could parents and carers take a little time over the holiday to check their child's uniform? In particular, shoes (or trainers, but not boots, please) should be plain black; and skirts, if worn, should be within 5cm of the knee.

As we get into the colder weather, students will need to bring a warm coat and may need a green school jumper as well as their blazer.

Thank you very much to all of our wonderful parents and carers for your support for the school. Juggling the need to keep our community safe whilst providing the kind of school experience that we want to would be even more difficult without your understanding and cooperation. I wish you all a restful, healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kind regards,

Linda McQuone  
Executive Headteacher

