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Dear Parents/carers,

### Microsoft Teams & Internet Access Survey

I hope this email finds you all safe and well; I also hope you have been able to access and benefit from the introduction of Microsoft Teams this week with your child/ren. We have had some very positive feedback from you, stating that the children are really enjoying the daily interaction with both their teachers and classmates and we look forward to developing the use of Teams further as we progress through the term. I have also really appreciated the feedback given that has suggested areas that we could potentially look at to improve further. Please do continue to offer this feedback: it is essential for us as we continue to strive to provide the best possible learning experience for your children.

As part of this commitment, our Trust, the NOVA Education Trust, are seeking the views of parents, carers and families to help determine how we can further support remote learning through the allocation and distribution of technology (including access to the internet). The link below will take you to a Microsoft Forms questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LuLr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuGKs6lsyhH5ErsfbiVBfJh5UREdTOU1CV1MwWEILM1NKMEZSMUE4T1dSSi4u>

### Staff Testing

Our staff have today been issued with lateral flow home testing kits, which they will be doing twice weekly. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly. Tackling the pandemic requires identifying asymptomatic, infectious individuals. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread in schools and we are able to begin testing next week.

### Wellbeing

We know how difficult this lockdown is for everyone and would encourage you to contact us if you need any support or help. Some websites which might be useful for you and your child are:

- <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
- <https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/youth-wellbeing/>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF7Ou43Vj6c>.

With very best wishes for a restful and enjoyable weekend,

Rob Slater  
Head of School