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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sorry to be writing to you again so soon with more Covid related matters. West Sussex County Council have asked schools to communicate the following:

Vaccines:

"We have all seen the widespread news coverage of concerns over blood clots being linked to the vaccine which may be worrying your staff and families.

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency remains clear that there is no evidence to support any concerns about the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine."

Testing:

"A reminder that Lateral Flow Device tests should only be taken by those without symptoms. We are aware that some students and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms are mistakenly taking an LFD as a more convenient option.

So please can you remind your staff and parents that anyone showing any symptoms of Covid should go straight to booking the gold standard PCR test, to avoid gaining false reassurance from the LFD, and must isolate while awaiting their result."

Websites:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/test-trace-and-isolate/>

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/spring-into-action-with-exciting-activities-for-kids-at-west-sussex-libraries-this-easter/>

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In addition, there is also a short letter from Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education and Skills attached.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Hodgson" followed by a long, sweeping horizontal flourish.

Mr A Hodgson
Headteacher