**Cartmel Priory School, March 2021**

Staff in school spent late February and early March organising the Lateral Flow Testing station in school so that we were prepared for the return of students from the week beginning 8th March. It was a major task and an inordinate amount of work to orchestrate the process to ensure that the eventual testing went as smoothly and as efficiently as possible with the least disruption to our students and to lessons. Students conducted themselves brilliantly. It has been lovely to see them all back in school and for many of them, although slightly apprehensive, they appear to have relished the return to a form of normality.

We have kept to the way we were working in the autumn term with limited movement around school and split breaks and lunch. However we have been able to restart our after school sports programme, in line the Government guidance, which is a massive step forward. Students have benefitted from running club, netball and basketball practice, fitness club, after school badminton and trampolining club.

Easter is upon us and with it the promise of warmer weather and brightness to come. Lockdown has brought changes we intend to keep, such as continued use of TEAMS for some homework tasks and our reward emails to students which have been very popular. Every day is a learning day at Cartmel Priory School!