



All Saints Catholic High School

HEADTEACHER: Mr A McGuinness

31st December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you all had a good Christmas.

Yesterday, the government announced changes to the staggered return for students in the new year. This is to help suppress rates of transmission and allow more time for schools to prepare for asymptomatic mass testing on site, from the week of the 11 January. We will share further communication regarding student testing with you in the new year.

Updated staggered return for students - **week commencing Monday 4 January 2021**

- **Monday 4 January:** INSET for teaching and support staff
- **Tuesday 5 January – Friday 8 January:** full-time on-site provision for all vulnerable children and the children of key workers
- **Tuesday 5 January – Friday 8 January:** Years 7 – 13 to work remotely from home, and in line with local tier restrictions
- **Monday 11 January:** full-time on-site provision for all vulnerable children, the children of key workers and students in Year 11 and Year 12 and 13. Mass testing for students and staff will commence
- **Monday 11 January:** Years 7 – 10 will continue to work remotely from home, and in line with local tier restrictions. Mass student testing will commence
- **Monday 18 January:** all students back in school for face-to-face education and rolling testing programme

Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

If you are a key worker and need your child to access supervised remote learning Tuesday 5 January – Friday 8 January, **please ensure you complete the online survey by Monday 4th January, no later than 10am to help us plan for their return.** If you have more than one child, you will need to complete a survey (link below) for each child.

<https://forms.gle/reEhjLuoCYWMWnCZ8>

A definition of key worker and vulnerable children can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#vulnerable-children-and-young-people>

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January External Examinations

External BTEC and vocational examinations are scheduled to go ahead as planned. Teachers will ensure students are informed of arrangements and fully prepared regardless of their learning location. Students will be contacted to attend revision sessions in school prior to each exam. We would ask all students to undertake a lateral flow test prior to attending school.

Transport

The regular, early bus route to school will operate as normal.

Remote Learning

Students are required to work remotely from home, following the timetable they followed before Christmas. Lessons will take place on Google classroom.

Rapid, asymptomatic testing for schools

The government would like as many staff and secondary-age students as possible to take up the offer of lateral flow device tests, starting in the week commencing 11 January; prioritising staff, vulnerable children, the children of critical workers and students in years 11, 12 and 13.

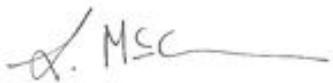
Participation is voluntary for the testing programme and active consent for weekly and serial testing is required, as appropriate. We will contact parents/carers again when we return to school to ask for your consent before any testing takes place.

For further guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021/schools-and-childcare-settings-return-in-january-2021>

Thank you for your continued support and understanding and I wish you all a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



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