



## De La Salle School

Headteacher: Mr P Norris L.LB (Hons), MA, NPQH

Monday 23rd August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **RE: Back to School Reminders**

I hope that you have had an opportunity to enjoy the summer break. I would like to take a moment to remind all parents and carers of some important information regarding the return to school.

### **Testing before returning to school**

ALL students must undertake 2 lateral flow tests before returning to school. Please ensure that test results are recorded on [www.TestRegister.co.uk](http://www.TestRegister.co.uk) and the Government website. Students displaying symptoms of Coronavirus or testing positive **MUST NOT** attend school. Please continue to follow the Government advice. If you require additional test kits, you can obtain them in the community, or by visiting here: [Getting tested - If you don't have symptoms](#)

Please remember that Students starting in Year 7 should attend school for their first on site test on Thursday 2nd September at the follow times:

7A - 9.00am  
7N - 9.30am  
7S - 10.30am  
7E - 11.00am  
7L - 11.30am  
7M - 12.00pm

Students should arrive at the student entrance at the allocated time and return home immediately after the test. You will receive confirmation of the result by email and text message (details must be provided on the consent form). Students will then attend school on Friday 3rd September for their first normal day of school as previously advised. Students will have their second on site test on Monday 6th September. Guidance allows students to attend lessons in between tests.

In order to take part in this testing you must provide written consent. It is essential that the attached consent form is returned at the time of the test on Thursday 2nd September. **Please note that this only applies to those students starting Year 7 in September.**

Students will be welcomed back, if these tests are negative, on the following dates:

### **Back to school dates:**

Year 7 and Year 11 only - Friday 3rd September at 8.30am  
ALL students attend as normal - Monday 6th September at 8.30am



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Please note that in line with the new operational guidance for schools that the school timetable will revert to its normal times and ALL students will be expected to arrive at school for registration at 8.30am. School will finish at 3.15pm. We will be maintaining the recommended control measures in place for the new school year, ensuring hand sanitiser remains available, inside spaces remain well ventilated and maintaining appropriate cleaning. All school operations will revert to normal as there is no longer a requirement to maintain consistent bubbles. Face coverings are also no longer required (although they remain encouraged where social distancing is difficult). Staff and students should continue to maintain social distancing where possible. An updated Risk Assessment can be found on our website.

School Uniform - Please ensure that full school uniform is worn as usual. PE lessons will return to normal and students will change for PE in the changing rooms as was the case before the pandemic. You can find a reminder of our uniform policy here: [School Uniform](#)

### **Covid 19 Reminders:**

#### **What do I do if my child develops Covid Symptoms?**

Any student who displays signs of Coronavirus is advised to follow the following guidance which sets out that they should **arrange to have a test** to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Whilst awaiting the test result they should self-isolate. Other members of their household/support bubble (including any siblings) do not need to isolate if they are under 18 or adults that are fully vaccinated, unless they develop symptoms themselves.

The isolation period for the positive case following a positive result includes the day symptoms started for the symptomatic person, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms, they will need to start their 10 day isolation period and book a test.

#### **What should I do if my child or someone in my family tests positive for coronavirus?**

Other members of their household (including any siblings) do not need to isolate if they are under 18 or adults that are fully vaccinated, unless they develop symptoms themselves.

#### **What happens if there is a positive case of Coronavirus in school?**

If a pupil displays symptoms whilst in school the parents of unwell pupils are informed as soon as possible of the situation by the school office. Unwell pupils who are waiting to go home are kept in an area where they can be isolated behind a closed door, and with appropriate adult supervision.

Any pupils who display signs of infection are taken home immediately, or as soon as practicable, by their parents – the parents are advised to contact NHS 111 immediately or call 999 if the pupil becomes seriously ill or their life is at risk. They are also requested to get the pupil tested.

Any members of staff who display signs of infection are sent home immediately and are advised to contact NHS 111 immediately or call 999 if they become seriously ill or their life is at risk.



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### **What will the school do to minimise risk and prepare for an outbreak?**

In preparation for the new term we have updated our Coronavirus Risk Assessment and prepared a Coronavirus Outbreak Plan. These will be available on our website.

I look forward to welcoming students back to school in September. I hope you enjoy the remainder of the school break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Norris  
Headteacher