



## De La Salle School

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**Friday 17th December 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we end our Autumn term I write with details of some important information regarding students returning to school in the new year. 2021 has been a challenging year for everyone and I would also like to take this opportunity to share my sincere thanks for all the support you have shown the school community.

Current guidance is that schools will remain operating as they have been this term, with continued control measures in place on our return in January. Face coverings are expected to remain in place in communal areas and we will continue with enhanced ventilation of classrooms and enhanced cleaning in all areas of the school. Please ensure that you have sufficient face coverings for students to use at school in the new year. While we have a small stock for students who lose or forget their masks on the odd occasion, these stocks are low and I would appreciate your support in ensuring students arrive at school with their own face covering.

### **Staggered return to school in 2022 & asymptomatic testing**

Please note that the Government has announced that schools should implement a staggered start to the term in 2022 to allow for asymptomatic testing to take place prior to a full return to school.

### **Students should attend for their test ONLY and return home immediately after taking their test.**

Year 10 & 11 will attend for their test at their staggered time on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Years 7, 8, & 9 will attend for their test at their staggered times on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Students will be expected to arrive at the allocated times to allow a staggered approach to testing and prevent numbers on site being too high. **Please see the attached list of times for each group to attend for their asymptomatic test.**

Students must ensure that they bring the consent form, which MUST be signed by a parent/carer with them at the time of their test. This will arrive in the post shortly. You will receive one for each child.

Students must ensure that they arrive with a face covering.

***Results of these tests will be sent via the NHS website once the result is recorded on their system. Please note that this may take up to 48 hours. However, as the school is processing the tests, we will inform anyone with a positive result immediately. If you do not receive a result before your child's return date, they can attend school as normal as all positive results will be notified as a priority.***

I know that you completed these consent forms for the first round of testing, but we are required to confirm consent is still in place. For this reason, it is essential that this is returned with the student when they attend for their test. Testing is voluntary but I urge you to take part. The more people tested, the safer the school environment is for everyone. Mr Futcher, our Covid Coordinator, will also include a letter with further details about the testing process, as he did before.

A copy of our privacy notice for data collected on this form is available on our website.

Work will be set for students to complete on Tuesday and Wednesday while waiting to return to Google Classroom. All students have been shown how to access this. Students should log in to their Google accounts to access and complete these tasks. Please note that this will not be work for timetabled lessons on these days, but a mixture of English, Maths and Science for Years 7-9 and Careers related tasks for Years 10 & 11.

Students will then return to their normal school timetable at the following times:

**8.30am - Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Years 10 & 11**

**8.30am - Thursday 6th January 2022 - Years 7, 8 & 9**

Students must not attend the school site before these times, unless they are attending for their lateral flow test.

### **Coronavirus Testing at Home**

Please remember that you should continue to test twice weekly at home using the test kits provided by the school. Additional test kits are available from Chemists or by ordering online. Please ensure you continue to record the results of these tests. Positive, negative and void results should all be recorded please.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2021.

With every best wish,

Mr P Norris  
Headteacher