



De La Salle School

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

4th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Updated guidance on face coverings & returning to school

Happy New Year. I hope that you were able to enjoy the Christmas and New Year period. If you have been one of the many people impacted by Covid over the break, I hope that symptoms remain mild.

You will be aware from the media that guidance on face coverings has changed over the Christmas break and students will now be required to wear a face covering in all areas while in school, including the classroom.

Please ensure that you supply your child with sufficient face coverings. While the school has a small stock for those who lose, break or forget their mask - these supplies are limited. Students should regard their face covering as an essential piece of school equipment and sanctions may be issued for those who repeatedly forget to bring one in.

We will continue to ensure that enhanced cleaning continues and classroom ventilation is prioritised while maintaining suitable temperatures. Classrooms have Co2 monitors to allow staff to monitor the quality of air in classrooms. We will also ensure that hand sanitiser is available to maintain hand hygiene.

It is essential that you continue to follow the twice weekly testing requirement in place. Please ensure that ALL results are logged on [TestRegister.co.uk](https://www.testregister.co.uk)

Year 10 and 11 can return to their normal timetable, following a negative test result on Wednesday 5th January. Year 7, 8 & 9 should attend for their onsite test at their allocated times and return to their normal timetable, following a negative test result, on Thursday 6th January. **Please ensure that students in Y7, 8 & 9 attend for their tests tomorrow with the signed consent form.**

The Track and Trace system remains unchanged, please ensure that you follow any guidance provided to you by Track and Trace should you, or your child, be identified as a close contact by the contact tracing team.

With sincere thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Norris
Headteacher