

# ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God

Thursday 6th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Measures for a safe return to school

The school is reopening on **Tuesday 11th January 2022** for **all** year groups at the usual time.

### 1. Testing:

We are asking all students and staff without coronavirus symptoms to test at home prior to returning to school. We are aware that nationally, schools have been encouraged to test the students on-site, however, in our experience, students testing at home and showing the results to staff has increased the engagement with testing compared to the numbers who participated with our on-site testing offer. We have selected this option as we feel it is both safer and prioritises our number of teaching days. Testing remains voluntary; however, we are encouraging all members of our Learning Family – staff and students to participate.

### 2. Action for families:

Please supervise your child whilst they do a home test on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and then register the results on the NHS website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> using the child's name and date of birth. An email and a text from the NHS will be received to confirm the test and the result. We will ask students to show us this evidence on their phone during registration on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Please forward the text/email to your child as necessary. Alternatively, you can send the NHS results to our data email address: [data@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:data@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk)

All classes received a home testing pack at the end of term. If you have run out, we have a limited amount available to distribute to students. Reception will be open on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022** from **14:00 to 15:30** on both the upper and lower sites should your child need to pick up a pack.

### 3. Facial coverings/masks:

Students, staff and visitors, who are not exempt, are expected to wear facial coverings while on site. This will be reviewed on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as per the recent government announcement.

### 4. Action for families:

Please ensure that your child/children arrive to school with a mask or facial covering. We have experienced difficulty in sourcing masks and are not in a position to supply masks on demand.

## **ONLY COME TO SCHOOL IF YOU ARE WELL AND DO NOT HAVE ANY OF THE THREE NHS RECOGNISED SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19:**

Temperature/fever; New persistent cough; Loss/ change of sense of taste /smell

### **If your child has any of these symptoms, please take the following actions:**

- Contact the school and tell us the symptom(s) your child has;
- Book a PCR test for them from a testing centre, your child should isolate until they have a negative result;
- A negative PCR result from NHS means your child can come back to school from the day you receive it. Forward a copy to us on: [data@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:data@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk)

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- A positive result means your child will isolate for 10 days [possibly less if LFD tests taken on day 6 and day 7 are both negative, then the students may return on day 8] Forward a copy to us on: [data@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:data@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk)
- If you cannot book a PCR, your child will be expected to isolate for 10 days.

**A positive Lateral Flow Test should result in the following actions:**

- Contact the school and tell us your child is positive on a home testing LFD kit
- There is no requirement from the 11/01/22 to book a PCR following a positive LFD when you have no symptoms. Isolate immediately, take an LFD on day 6 if negative, take one 24 hours after if this one is also negative, the student can return to school on the morning of day 8 as long as they are well and do not have high temperature. Not everyone will test negative on day 6, 7 or after. In that case the students will complete the 10 days of isolation and return on day 11.

**5. Increased ventilation in school:**

We are maximising ventilation in school and therefore it will get cold in classrooms.

**6. Actions for families to take:**

- Ensure your child has a warm coat, warm tights, scarf, gloves or mittens, warm hat
- You might also want to consider school trousers as an option.
- You might want to consider thermal garments to wear under the uniform.

Students should wear these items in lessons as necessary. Please speak to your child about the importance of removing some layers of clothing when indoors so they have extra layers when they go outside.

**7. Enhanced cleaning:**

Students, staff and visitors are expected to regularly sanitise their hands and the school provides sanitiser in all classrooms and shared areas. If your child cannot use the school sanitiser, please provide them with a suitable alternative. We expect students to sanitise on arrival, after break, before and after lunch, after using the toilets and before leaving school.

**8. Actions for families:**

- When your child/children arrive home from school remind them to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds
- Respiratory hygiene is important. Students are asked to use tissues if they sneeze or cough, dispose of the tissue immediately in a bin and sanitise their hands.
- Provide your child/children with a pack of tissues in their school bag

Students need and want to be in school. We need and want students in school. By working in partnership we have a much greater chance of being able to continue face to face teaching and interaction with our students.

Thank you for both your support and understanding.  
Happy New Year



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