

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God



7 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Covid-19 safer measures update

Thank you for your overwhelming support in ensuring your child wears a facial covering in school as a measure to reduce the transmission of Covid-19 in school. Please remind your child to bring their masks or facial covering with them to school. Over the coming weeks we should see a positive impact of adhering to the wearing of masks.

At present, cases of Covid-19 are increasing. The most recent data shows that there is another step we could take which should have a protective effect across all Key Stages. Having consulted with the Local Authority and Public Health England, from **Monday 11 October** we are asking siblings of students who are positive to take a PCR test and to remain at home until they have received the result. If a negative result is shared with the school then the sibling should return to school. If positive they will be required to isolate for 10 days. We appreciate that this is far from straightforward for families. We want to do all we can to limit transmission and in doing so remain physically open.

Our current measures include:

- Ensure students and staff who display symptoms are not on site and that they can only return after a negative PCR test or 10 days isolation.
- Provide tests for asymptomatic testing to help prevent transmission by those currently positive but without symptoms. Please continue to test twice a week and report your results on the NHS website. We will distribute more home kits this week and next week as you might be running out. These are the new home tests which only take 15 minutes and are using nasal swabs only.
- Increased ventilation in all classrooms and indoor spaces. This is the most protective measure in the Department for Education guidance. Please be assured that students are able to adapt their clothing in the classroom and wear their coat if they feel cold.
- One way system, hand sanitising and cleaning of shared equipment are still in place.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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