



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

March 8th 2021 - return to school.

Following the PM's announcement early in the week, students/pupils will be returning to school in the week commencing Monday March 8th 2021.

There will be a staggered return for some pupils to allow testing for those pupils whose parents have consented.

We have been increasing our capacity to test this week, following the announcement, with the recruitment of additional trained testing staff. We need parents to play their part, if they have not yet signed up their daughter for testing, by supporting sign-up. Parental permission is required for those aged under 18 years of age.

Please visit the following link to give consent for regular testing of students at St Anthony's.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZPCRWRR>

This link along with a privacy notice in relation to the consent form will also be sent to you as a separate email.

The full schedule for testing can be found in Appendix 1 at the end of this letter. Students should not attend on testing days unless their parents have completed the consent forms. Any student attending without a completed consent will be asked to return home and parents will be contacted and asked to collect them.

Students will be asked to attend school for testing at a time linked to their surname. They should not arrive before the stated time. We ask parents and students to keep to these times so that we can test the pupils in a safe and socially distance way.

Students testing positive will be expected to self-isolate for 10 days before returning to school.





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- Year 11 will be tested on Tuesday 2nd March 2021
- Year 10 will be tested on Wednesday 3rd March 2021
- Year 9 will be tested on Thursday 4th March 2021
- Year 7 will be tested on Friday 5th March 2021

Year 7, 9, 10 & 11 students will return home once their test is completed.

Years 7, 9, 10 & 11 will return on Monday 8th March 2021 using the staggered start times that were in use before lockdown.

- Testing of Year 8 is Monday 8th March 2021.

Year 8 students should not attend on the testing day unless their parents have completed the consent forms. Any student attending without a completed consent will be asked to return home and parents will be contacted and asked to collect them.

Year 8 students testing negative will be allowed to stay on site in lessons until the end of the school day. Anyone testing positive will return home. Parents/carers will be contacted to collect them.

Year 8 will return fully on Tuesday 9th March 2021 using the staggered start times that were in use before lockdown.

- Year 12 & 13 will be tested on Tuesday 9th March 2021. (Please note our post-16 male students will be tested at St. Aidan's).

Year 12 & 13 students should not attend on the testing day unless their parents have completed the consent forms. Any student attending without a completed consent will be asked to return home.

Year 12 & 13 students whom are being tested will attend on Tuesday 9th March 2021. Once tested they will return home.

Year 12 & 13 will return fully on Wednesday 9th March 2021.

Please note that there is no provision for key worker children in school after Friday 5th March 2021.





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We will be returning to the year group bubble arrangements that were in place before lockdown from September 1st 2020 until January 5th 2021.

The key important change, other than testing, relates to masks/face coverings. They will be worn throughout the day i.e. in class as well as communal areas. It is more important than ever that your daughter/son (post-16) is provided with a good supply of face coverings for use each day. They will be worn by the whole community throughout the school day. A communication from Mrs. Lanaghan (Deputy Headteacher) will remind parents about our bubble arrangements.

We look forward to seeing your daughter on March 8th.

Yours sincerely,

M. Shepherd.

Mrs M. Shepherd
Head Teacher





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APPENDIX 1

Testing schedule for return to school

		Time of test					
	Year Group	8.30am	9.30am	10.30am	11.30am	1.00pm	2.00pm
Tuesday 2 nd March 2021	11	Surnames starting with: A B D	Surnames starting with: C E F	Surnames starting with: G H I J	Surnames starting with: K L M	Surnames starting with: N O P Q R W	Surnames starting with: S T U V X Y Z
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	10	Surnames starting with: A B E	Surnames starting with: C D	Surnames starting with: F G H	Surnames starting with: I J K L M N	Surnames starting with: O P Q R T U V	Surnames starting with: S W X Y Z
Thursday 4 th March 2021	9	Surnames starting with: A B	Surnames starting with: C D E F	Surnames starting with: G H I	Surnames starting with: J K L M	Surnames starting with: N O P Q R W	Surnames starting with: S T U V X Y Z
Friday 5 th March 2021	7	Surnames starting with: A B F	Surnames starting with: C D E	Surnames starting with: G H I J K	Surnames starting with: L M N O	Surnames starting with: P Q R S	Surnames starting with: T U V W X Y Z
Monday 8 th March 2021	8	Surnames starting with: A B E	Surnames starting with: C D F	Surnames starting with: G H I J K	Surnames starting with: L M N O	Surnames starting with: P Q R Y Z	Surnames starting with: S T U V W X
Tuesday 9 th March 2021	12	Surnames starting with: A - E	Surnames starting with: F - L	Surnames starting with: M-Z			
Tuesday 9 th March 2021	13				Surnames starting with: A - E	Surnames starting with: F - O	Surnames starting with: P - Z



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- Students testing on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 up to Friday 5th March 2021 should attend school at the appointed time for their test. They will then return home to await test results.
- Year 8 students whom are being tested will attend on Monday 8th March 2021. Once tested, if they are negative they will remain at school until the end of the school day. Anyone testing positive will return home. Parents/carers will be contacted to collect them.
- Year 8 students who are not testing remain at home on Monday 8th March 2021.
- All year 8 students return to school on Tuesday 9th March 2021.
- All Year 12 & 13 students remain at home on Monday 8th March 2021.
- Year 12 & 13 students whom are being tested will attend on Tuesday 9th March 2021. Once tested they will return home.
- Year 12 & 13 students who are not testing remain at home on Tuesday 9th March 2021.
- All year 12 & 13 students return to school on Wednesday 10th March 2021.
- Students testing positive will be expected to self-isolate for 10 days before returning to school.