

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy

## A Leading Edge Technology & Applied Learning College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will be aware that the government has announced that all secondary pupils will be offered an in-school lateral flow test on their return to school in January. This is to aid with the detection of asymptomatic Covid cases. Once each pupil has had their test in school, they will be provided with home-testing kits and instructions to carry out their tests twice-weekly at home.

To allow for the roll-out of testing alongside the reopening of school for a new term, pupils will return on a phased basis during the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> January (as outlined in the tables below). Please note that arrival timings on the day are indicated based on either your child's surname or registration group. **The initial testing for all year groups will take place in the Main Hall.**

In summary, pupils will return to school on a staggered basis. This phased return is necessary in order to facilitate the roll-out of LFD testing for those students that we have consent for.

### Consent Information:

As in September this testing is voluntary and no students will be prevented from returning to school if they do not take part in onsite testing.

All pupils that we have consent for will be registered for their tests in advance of their test days. If your child is absent on their test day, they will not be tested. However, you may still receive confirmation of a registered test.

### Testing Timetable

Date	LFD test
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 11 & Year 13
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7 & Year 12
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 8 & Year 10
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9

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The LFD tests will be taken during the school day. Pupils will be taken through the process and shown what to do by experienced staff. After having the test it takes 15 minutes for the result to come through - parents will be informed of the results via email and mobile phone according to the information on the consent form.

### Return to school Dates and Times

**Pupils in year 11 and year 13** will return to school on **Tuesday, January 4th**, in full uniform and remain in school once they have had their test. Pupils without consent for testing should also come in at the same time. Arrival times detailed below.

<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
Arrive at School	Registration groups
8:40 am	11 Aidan 1, 11 Aidan 2, 11 Bede 1, 11 Bede 2
10:00 am	11 Cuthbert 1, 11 Cuthbert 2, 11 Dunstan 1, 11 Dunstan 2
	<b>Year 13</b>
12:30 pm	All pupils in year 13

**Pupils in year 7 and year 12** will return to school on **Wednesday, January 5th**, in full uniform and remain in school once they have had their test. Pupils without consent for testing should also come in at the same time. Arrival times detailed below.

<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 7</b>
Arrive at School	
8:40 am	All pupils in year 7
	<b>Year 12</b>
12:30 pm	All pupils in year 12

**Pupils in year 8** will return to school on **Thursday, January 8th**, in full uniform and remain in school once they have had their test. Pupils without consent for testing should also come in at the same time. Arrival times detailed below.

<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 8</b>
Arrive at School	
8:40 am	All pupils in year 8

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**Pupils in year 10** will come into school for testing purposes only on the afternoon of **Thursday, January 8th**, and remain in school until they have had their test results. Pupils with surnames beginning with A to L will need to arrive in school at 12:30 pm. Pupils with surnames beginning with M to Z will need to arrive in school at 1:30 pm. Once they have had their test results, they will return home. Lessons for year 10 pupils will start on **Friday 7th January** with all year 10 pupils coming into school at the usual start time of 8:40 am. Pupils without consent for testing should return to school on Friday 7th January. Arrival times detailed below.

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 10
Arrive at School	Surname Beginning:
12:30 pm	A - L
1:30 pm	M - Z

**Pupils in year 9** will return to school on **Friday, January 9th**, in full uniform and remain in school once they have had their test. Pupils without consent for testing should also come in at the same time. Arrival times detailed below.

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9
Arrive at School	
8:40 am	All pupils in year 9

**Any pupil that has tested positive for Covid-19 since 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, will now be able to take a Lateral Flow Test in January.**

Kind regards,

Mr P Mitchell  
(Headteacher)

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