



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

We appreciate your support in ensuring your children have engaged with their remote learning this week whilst we have continued preparations to administer the testing process. Thank you also for the responses we have had confirming consent, and the offers of support.

Please be familiar with the accompanying information and timetable detailing when each Year group will be tested. I again give assurance that no student will be tested without consent.

As we prepare to welcome students in Years 11, 12 & 13 back on Monday, and all other Year groups from Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, I write to stress the increased importance of face coverings and of students continuing to adhere to our health & safety measures, as they have done with such responsibility since March.

1. Face coverings are compulsory in all indoor communal areas other than classrooms. They are also strongly recommended outside when among groups in which social distance is difficult to maintain, such as when entering and leaving the site, and prior to entering a building if arriving with other students. They are also required on public transport.
2. Unless medically exempt, all students are to have two reusable, washable masks. We advise these as disposable masks have greater potential to break, resulting in a student being without one.
3. \*Where a student has forgotten their own we will provide a disposable mask, recording the instance. It will be students' responsibility to advise their Form tutor if they are without one.

**\*Please be aware that we are less able to accommodate students who are repeatedly without a mask than has previously been the case. We have been supportive and sympathetic, extending a degree of latitude, but circumstances now require that we remove students from circulation to be supervised in independent study, or apply a period of remote learning from home.**

It is important that students also adhere to guidance outside of the school. This will help limit the potential for transmission between one another, and equally with family members and any members of the public with whom they may come into contact.

We also continue to advise that students attend school with a personal supply of hand sanitiser to complement supplies that are available in classrooms and at various points around school.

I assure you the health and safety of our whole community remains our guiding principle. Please contact your child's Head of Year or a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you have any queries.

We look forward to welcoming the students next week. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr T. Coen

Headteacher

