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Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in our newsletter, there is a lot of information to share with you so we have put it together in this letter. We hope it makes sense!

We have been looking at the logistics of the phased return from 8th March. Our plans will:

- Ensure that we continue to have as many things in place as possible for the safety of all our students and staff.
- Enable parents/carers to a book slot for the **first** lateral flow testing of their child/children. Appointments are available from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th March. A separate letter is attached to explain how to book a slot.
- Allow teachers to continue high quality online learning for all year groups as the first lateral flow testing takes place.
- Give us the capacity to staff our 'in-school' provision in conjunction with the first lateral flow testing.
- Enable an organised '**start back**' for all students, in all year groups **on Thursday 11th March 2021**

Important Information for parents/carers

Asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing

Our ATS (asymptomatic testing site) has been in operation since mid-January and our staff, running the centre, have followed and completed national guidance and training.

We believe that this is a useful tool in identifying asymptomatic cases and will give some reassurance to students and staff.

We have been asked to offer tests for students three times during the two weeks from 8th March to 19th March 2021. These tests need to be taken 3 to 5 days apart. We need to ensure the first test is carried out in a controlled way to avoid any asymptomatic positive cases mixing with other students prior to testing. The second and third tests will take place in school between the 11th and 19th March. Students will then receive a pack of tests to be carried out at home twice a week under the supervision of parents/carers. Further information and guidance will be sent home with these packs once we have received them. Anyone who tests positive via the 'in-school' tests will need to self-isolate for 10 days, in line with government guidance.

Any parent/carer who would like their child to have the lateral flow tests must give consent.

Please read the information and privacy noticed attached to this email and fill in the consent form via the link in the summary at the end of this letter.

If you would like your child to be tested but worry about them being able to do the test themselves, please email us and we will support them: enquiry@holycarlton.org

The test is not 100% reliable and students and staff will still need to follow all the other procedures that we have in place to keep our community as safe as possible.



Other safety protocols

Students should self-isolate and should NOT come to school if they:

- have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, In line with the latest Government guidance

The government guidance from the 8th March states that school must continue to provide the following:

- Year group bubbles and Zones
- Washing hands and hand sanitiser stations
- 'Catch it, kill it, bin it' protocols
- 2m social distance where possible
- Ventilation in classrooms for air flow
- Students facing the front in classrooms

Face Masks: from the 8th March (this will be reviewed at Easter by the DFE)

The Department for Education has recommended that staff and students wear face masks (unless exempt) in classrooms as well as when moving around the building, in corridors and social areas indoors. Masks must also continue to be worn on buses. Students can remove their masks when sat down to eat and when outside the school buildings at break and lunch. They can also be removed when taking part in physical activity during sports lessons.

Other questions...

Will the school buses be running as normal when school reopens to all students on 11th March?

Yes, all buses will run as normal. Please check the bus company sites in case there are any service time changes. Please be aware that Sweyne Buses have a slight route change due to traffic restrictions in Goole. More details will be sent out next week.

Will there be catering on site?

Break and lunch catering will continue as normal from 11th March.

What about uniform?

It is really important that students are back into their normal routines and this includes ensuring that they are in correct uniform. Students should continue to come in their PE kit on their PE days. We appreciate that it is more difficult at present to buy new uniform items and we can loan items from stock that we have in school if you are struggling. Just let us know and we will help!

Usual expectations on hairstyles, nails, make up and jewellery apply. We will continue to confiscate items that are not part of school uniform e.g. hoodies and jewellery. Students will be reminded that mobile phones should not be used during the school day and will be confiscated if seen.

School Attendance and Isolating

School attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

Students and staff who are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) should not attend school. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. We will provide learning tasks to these students.

If a student is having to self-isolate, work will be provided online. Please see our Blended Learning Policy for details.

In summary...

Students will continue to be taught online from Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th March. Staff are aware that students will miss some lessons if they are booked in for slot at our test site.

Parents who want their child to be tested need to:

- complete the consent form via this link

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9RdoldnQgkuskgs_ZlxzBnin2TG_tMdFulMuFknduAhUQjhTNIFPVDVVCVlpLV1JZNTlwQUc4NEFWNC4u

First Lateral Flow Test Appointment - See the additional letter attached with information on how to book. Students need to be brought to the site (Sports Hall), have their test and then be taken home immediately afterwards. Results will be sent via the mobile number given on the consent form.

All students will return to Holy Family on Thursday 11th March at the normal time.

Children accessing our 'in-school' provision can continue to attend from 8th March and will attend with all other students from the 11th March. If they have parental consent, we will organise their test on site, so there is no need to book a slot for the first test.

There will be online assemblies for each year group on Wednesday 3rd March (8.45 to 9am) when we will go through information and plans with our students.

It is important to remember that in partnership we have delivered and supported high quality remote education during this lockdown period. This will ensure our students have good foundations of learning for when they all return to Holy Family. Staff are well prepared for the return of students and are equipped with the skills and tools to spot and support any gaps in learning. The wellbeing of our students is central to everything that we do. We want students to return to school feeling safe and happy to be back in our school family with their teachers and friends. We can't wait to see them all and have lots of things planned to welcome them back!

Yours sincerely,



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