



Friday 18 June 2021

Headteacher's Update

On June 14th, the government announced there would be a pause in the ending of COVID restrictions until the end of the Summer term. In effect this means we will also have to pause and not introduce any more changes than we already have.

In Rochdale the numbers of positive cases are doubling almost every week at the moment. This is of course a major concern. The largest rise in cases is also mainly with young people. Here at St Cuthbert's, we have had several positive cases recently and have had to send home several bubbles. This serves as a reminder to us all of the need to be cautious. There is no reason to believe there is any school based link as there are no school based links between those who have tested positive. In fact, most have tested positive upon immediately returning after half term or the weekend. Please could I ask that everyone take a Lateral Flow Test on a Sunday (and another midweek) to ensure they are safe to return to school and we do not have to keep sending home large numbers of students who are close contacts.

One thing we have noticed recently is that the symptoms appear to have changed or expanded. Often now with young people, we are finding that sneezing, runny noses, sickness and headaches are actually key indicators that someone has COVID. Please be particularly vigilant of this at home. If anyone has these symptoms, we would require them to take a PCR test before returning so as to prevent any possible spreading or issues with close contacts.

We are introducing a few changes to ensure we are safe at school and we are again requiring face masks to be worn outside of classrooms in communal areas such as corridors. This measure is likely to be in place until we finish in July but hopefully will be a thing of the past when we return in September.

We will of course provide remote learning for those students who are at home. Please ensure your son/daughter accesses the lessons throughout the day.

I wish you all the best and hope to have all the students back soon and everyone will be hopefully at some point over the next week.

Mr Shields

Notices

COVID Updates

- If your child has been identified as a close contact, please check their letter for their return to school date. A reminder text will be sent the day before their return date.
- A reminder that LFTs should only be used for regular, asymptomatic testing. If anyone has symptoms or has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, then they must take a PCR test (at a COVID testing centre.)

Catholic Life of the School

Weekly Assembly - This week's assembly's theme is Windrush Day 2021 and will be led by Mrs Knight.

Curriculum

Remote Education

- If your child has a COVID related absence, they must access their lessons via Microsoft Teams. A reminder of our remote learning policy is attached.

Examination Updates to Parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students

- Please read the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) guidance for parents and students who should have been sitting examinations this summer. [JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf](#).
- The appeals process is now confirmed by the JCQ and will be shared with you via a separate communication in due course.
- Please email Mrs Hill if you have any individual/further questions stah03@scrchs.com

Pastoral Notices

- Please ensure your child has a suitable face covering to wear in all communal areas. The wearing of face masks is compulsory on all public transport.

Wellbeing

- Please see the wellbeing area on our website (<https://www.scrchs.net/wellbeing>) which contains information on how to support you and your child's wellbeing.

Community

- Please can you speak with you child about the importance of wearing face masks in public areas such as local shops and the public buses (409).
- Students who walk to school are kindly reminded of the community they live in respecting the environment by not dropping litter or causing a disruption for our local residents.

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