



St. Cuthbert's

Roman Catholic High School

16 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to say thank you for the support we have received from yourselves and the students in adhering to our uniform policy and meeting our high expectations. We fully appreciate those families who have resolved any outstanding uniform issues over the last week.

With regards to Covid restrictions that are now remaining in place until Monday 19th July, at the earliest, we are asking parents to encourage students to take lateral flow tests twice weekly, we suggest Sundays and Wednesday, recording with the NHS app both negative and positive tests. We have seen an increase in positive cases, following the half term, and whilst we try to return to some normality in our school day we ask that parents ensure students have a suitable mask to travel to and from school.

There have of course been large numbers of positive cases in the Greater Manchester area over the past few weeks. This has been reflected in school since half term as several pupils have tested positive. While we have no reason to believe this is anything to do with school it does of course lead to constant disruption if we have to send bubbles home due to being close contacts.

Consequently, we feel it necessary to re-introduce masks within the school building; making masks compulsory in all communal areas and whilst students are using the PE changing rooms with **immediate effect**. It is hoped by doing this we can keep the number of students and staff who have to isolate to a minimum. At this moment we will not be asking students to wear masks in classrooms but if cases continue to rise we will also review this. I hope you understand this decision and trust you will support us in this. We do understand any frustrations around the restrictions and masks in particular but we genuinely believe this will help to stop the risk of large numbers of students being identified as close contacts.

Our Covid risk assessment remains in place, with hand sanitiser in all classrooms and communal areas as well as aiming to reduce high contact points through a strict cleaning regime.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Shields
Headteacher