



CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Return to School – January 2022

The information included in this correspondence advises:

- 1) **Date of Lateral Flow Testing for year groups and specific time slots**
- 2) **The date each year group return to school**

We hope you and your families are well and looking forward to the Christmas holiday.

We wrote to parents in November informing them of the DfE's announcement that upon return in January, students will be required to have an on-site lateral flow test. We can now confirm the plans for students return to school.

There will be a staggered start to the new term. Students will be invited in to complete an LFT on the dates and times detailed below. Unlike previous testing on site, students will only need one test in school and then are encouraged to continue with regular LFT at home.

Please see below specific arrangements for each year group. Students are allocated times on the initial of their surname. It is important students keep to their allocated time provision.

	Year Group	Surname A-M	Surname N-Z	After the test	
4 th Jan	POST 16 & YEAR 11	11.00am-1.00pm	1.30-3.30pm	Test and go home (no uniform required)	Students attend 5 th Jan at normal times
5 th Jan	Year 10	8.30-10.00am	10.30-12.00pm	Students are tested and remain in school. Uniform to be worn. Year 10 students not participating in the test should not arrive until 12pm	Students remain in school after test
5 th Jan	Year 9	12.30-1.30pm	2.00-3.30pm	Test and go home (no uniform required)	Students attend 6 th Jan at normal times
6 th Jan	Year 7	8.30-10.00am	10.30-12.00pm	Students are tested and remain in school. Uniform to be worn. Year 7 students not participating in the test should not arrive until 12pm	Students remain in school after test
6 th Jan	Year 8	12.30-1.30pm	2.00-3.30pm	Test and go home (no uniform required)	Students attend 7 th Jan at normal times
7 th Jan	Contingency testing	9.00-12.00 noon	Testing for students who have been unable to access testing at other times.		

If students are having a test then leaving site, they do not need to wear their uniform on this day and if accompanied by an adult we ask that parents wait in their vehicles or the car park. We ask students to wear a face covering unless exempt. Parents will be advised if a test result is returned positive. The process should not take longer than 20 mins.



In September 2021, 95% of parents gave consent to LFT testing which helped support the return to school and reduce transmission of the virus. Consent that was given at this time this will be applied to the testing in January. If you no longer wish your child to partake in LFT testing and have previously given consent, please contact the school.

If you are unsure of your previous consent and wish your child to be tested there is a paper consent slip that your child can bring with them on their test day.

If your child is not taking part in the testing, they must not return to school until indicated.

Arriving for testing - students should access the site through the main pedestrian gates if on foot, where they will be signed in and collect their testing cards.

If you cannot attend your allocated slot please telephone the school and we can make alternative arrangements. We hope by identifying any positive cases before we return to school we can avoid future disruption to teaching and learning.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will receive a voucher to cover the staggered start to term.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully



Ms E O'Connor
Headteacher

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CONSENT FORM - If you have **NOT** already completed the online form, please complete the form below.

Child's Name: Child's Date of Birth: Year Group:

I consent to my child receiving a Lateral Flow Test.

Parent/Carer Signature: Name: