

# All Hallows Catholic College

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5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

## RE: COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) – UPDATED INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope you are well. We have had a very busy, yet successful week of testing – almost 1000 students have had their first tests over the last three days, which is a phenomenal achievement. Well done and thank you to our fantastic ‘swab squad’. This means that those students who have already been tested can come into College, as normal, on their Year group’s first day next week. May I please remind you that the schedule for each Year group’s return is:

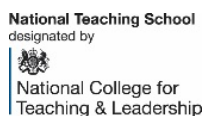
- Years 11, 12 & 13 - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Years 7 & 10 - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Years 8 & 9 - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

There are still some students for whom we have consent, who have not managed to come into College over the last few days. As the uptake has been so high this week, though, we do not need to stagger a particular Year group’s returns any further, and all students should arrive at College for the normal time, by 8:45am on their first day. Students returning to College for the first time, from 8<sup>th</sup> March, who have not yet had their first test (but have consented), should go directly to the Main Hall, via Reception or the side gate by the bike sheds. They should go straight to the **Main Hall**, where they will sit, socially-distanced, and wait for their test. They will return to the Main Hall after their test and wait 30 minutes for the result. If it is negative, they will go straight to lessons; if it is positive, they will need to be collected by parents / carers. We recommend they bring some revision work or a reading book, to use whilst they are waiting. All other students – those who have had their first test and those who are not being tested – should go directly to their Form rooms.

Regarding other arrangements for the full opening of College, please refer to my Loom presentation, which is on the website and can be accessed [here](#).

## Standards for the full opening of College

After a period of time away from College, we are very excited to welcome our students back. They have shown incredible resilience and have engaged with their learning in a truly commendable manner. With the majority of students having been away from College since we broke up for Christmas, we are conscious that there are a number of routines and expectations that they may have forgotten over this period:



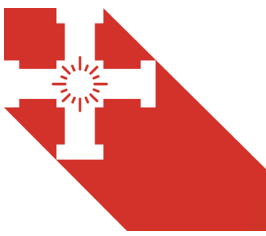
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## Attendance & Punctuality

The latest guidance from the DfE clearly states that ‘*School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March*’. Students must, therefore, attend College regularly and be punctual, from their Year group’s first day back. We understand that there are circumstances in which students cannot attend College, and in these instances, it is important that the absence is reported through the College absence line. Students are expected to be in school by 8.45 each morning, ready for form at 8.50am

We also recognise that it is likely that some students, parents and families may be reluctant or anxious about the full opening of College. This may include students who:

- have themselves been shielding previously but have been advised they no longer need to shield
- live in a household where someone is clinically vulnerable (CV) or CEV (including young carers)
- are concerned about the possible increased risks from coronavirus (COVID19) such as those who have certain conditions such as obesity and diabetes

If this is the case, then please do get in touch with us to discuss your concerns, and hopefully we will be able to provide reassurance on the measures we are putting in place to reduce any risks.

## Uniform

Our standards of uniform always have been, and always will be, extremely high, to ensure we promote an effective learning environment for our students. Students must wear full uniform as set out in our uniform policy, which can be found [here](#). This includes students having shirts tucked in, kilts not being rolled up, wearing suitable shoes (not trainers), not wearing jewellery or make-up and having appropriate haircuts for school. If students have had their hair dyed an unnatural colour during lockdown, or have had false nails applied, then we expect them to be returned to a natural colour or state, by the time they return to College. We ask that all parents and carers support us in ensuring that appropriate uniform is worn as soon as students return to College.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must not be used by students in College, unless they have been given the express permission of a member of staff. Phones must be switched off and placed in the student’s bag during the hours of the College day. If a student is seen using their phone during College hours, it will be confiscated and will only be returned to the parent/carer of the student.

## **What to do if you develop symptoms of COVID 19**

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, you should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when your symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.



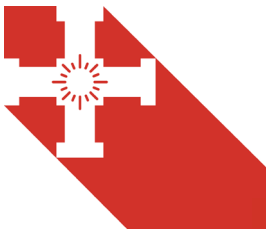
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You can arrange for testing via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school, or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

## Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you do develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

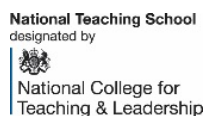
## Wellbeing

Just as when we returned from the first Lockdown, to support the wellbeing of our students, form tutors will be spending time in Form, addressing any issues that may have arisen from being out of College for so long. Students will be reminded that they can always speak to their form tutor about any concerns or worries, and they will be able to offer the appropriate support. There is advice and direction on the College website, about where students and families can go for support and guidance about coronavirus-related anxiety or concerns, at: <https://www.allhallows.org.uk/mental-well-being-and-staying-safe>.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing our students again, next week.

God Bless

Tim Beesley



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