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“We shall serve.”

Mark 10:45 - “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Dear Parent / Carer

You will have read in the media that on the 8th March, all children should be returning to face to face learning in schools. An integral part of the reopening of schools is the use of mass lateral flow testing for all members of the school community as widely publicised, these tests are not mandatory, but voluntary. You will have received a communication from the school over the last few weeks informing you of these tests; thank you to those parents/carers who have responded and granted permission for your child to participate in the testing programme.

In order to safely administer the lateral flow tests, the reintroduction of children coming into school will be staggered as follows:

- Monday 8th March: Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13.
- Tuesday 9th March: Year 10 and Year 7.
- Wednesday 10th March: Year 9 and Year 8.

The following form groups should report to the school quad area on the day they return to school:

Monday 8th March	6 th Form	AEN, AWN, EMH, HKN, KGL and NPN
Tuesday 9th March	Year 10	BDS, JRE and MWN
Wednesday 10th March	Year 9	BET, DSA and DHS

All other students should report to their usual period 1 classroom where they will be informed about their allotted slot to receive their lateral flow test.

Over the two-week period from March 8th, there will be some disruption to learning as three lateral flow tests should take place with intermittent spaces in between. This process will take two weeks to complete and we ask for your patience as we carry out this large scale testing programme.

We are acutely aware that some children will feel anxious about taking part in the lateral flow testing programme. We have a highly trained and highly committed group of professionals who are ready to support the children taking the tests. These staff members have been running the testing centre in school for a number of weeks and are well versed in the procedures.

In terms of Health and Safety, the school has a series of risk assessment documents in place to ensure that the highest level of hygiene is maintained at all times commensurate with guidance from the Department of Education. We will, of course, monitor and review the process during the initial few days of its delivery.

The information that follows is extremely important and should be shared with your child prior to their return.

"The school is a cohesive and inclusive community characterised by pupils who are highly respectful of each other and very polite. The overall achievement of pupils has remained strong and pupils make good progress overall."

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Teaching and Learning

Students in all year groups will receive their full timetable of lessons, once they have received a negative Covid-19 test result. Students who are shielding, or those self-isolating, will be able to access education via Microsoft Teams. Teachers will be streaming their in-school lessons through Teams to allow those children who are either shielding or self-isolating to access their educational provision. It is vital that parents communicate with school at the earliest possible opportunity and inform us of any child who is shielding or self-isolating.

Teachers will be reviewing the work students have completed during the lockdown period once full schooling resumes during the week commencing 8th March. Students may be asked to audit the work that has been completed so teachers can identify key elements of content that need revisiting or reinforcing. Furthermore, students may be asked to print assessed work and pieces that cover key content, to ensure that they are stored within exercise books for the purposes of supporting later revision. There are printing facilities available in school for students without a printer at home. Students will be asked in many subjects to revise their absolutes (knowledge organisers) and content covered over recent weeks for low-stakes quizzes in class, to ensure that knowledge gained over lessons during lockdown is embedded. Finally, students in year groups taking mock examinations, will continue with their revision lessons in preparation for the exams.

Procedures on Return

Students will be taught and have unstructured time in their zones; they can access the canteen on the rota system below.

Monday 8th March: Year 11

On-line lessons during P1 on 8th March will be cancelled for all students and will resume P2

Tuesday 9th March: Year 10

Wednesday 10th March: Year 9

Thursday 11th March: Year 8

Friday 12th March: Year 7

6th form students will continue to have daily access to Re:Fresh.

Week beginning the 15th March, the previous canteen rota system will return.

Please note that the canteen will be closed at morning break time from Monday 8th March to Wednesday 10th March and will re-open Thursday 11th March onwards.

Our high expectations with regards to school uniform will continue and if your child has a Core PE lesson on a particular day, they will be expected to attend school in their full All Saints' PE kit without exception.

Students have always been expected to wear a face mask when walking around school and when they have finished eating. The guidelines have changed and now state that students **must** wear a face mask in lessons. If a student is exempt, please ensure that school is aware and we will communicate this to staff. However, for students who persistently attend school without a face mask, additional pastoral support including contact with home will be required. For students who refuse to wear a facemask, normal behavioural management processes apply and this includes students displaying poor behaviour in the classroom when wearing a mask. This will not be tolerated.

We pride ourselves on maintaining extremely high standards of behaviour at all times. The Behaviour for Learning policy was modified and ratified by the Local Governing Body in September and still applies. In

essence, there is a ‘zero tolerance’ approach taken with regard to any child who behaves in a way which might place the health and safety of another child or adult at risk.

Our policy with regards to mobile telephones is exactly the same as before, with a facility, which allows students to hand in their mobile phones before the start of school and collect it at the end in safe and secure manner.

School attendance will be mandatory and the normal rules will apply:

- Parents and carers have a duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where that child is a registered pupil at school and of a compulsory school age
- Schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up all absences
- The possibility to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority’s guidelines

Therefore, if your child is unwell for whatever reason or is unable to attend school, please notify school as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to celebrating the hard work that students have completed during the school closure. Many staff have commented on how hard students have worked and we are therefore planning events to reward and acknowledge those students who have been committed to their studies and attended lessons. It is important to us that students know that we appreciate their hard work and dedication to their progress.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back into school. We will support students as they return, continue to nurture their wellbeing and ensure they make progress.

Supporting your child in preparation for their return to school

Additional support: If you think your son/daughter will require additional support for their emotional wellbeing on return to school, please email their Year Progress Leader or use the well-being email wellbeing@allsaints.notts.sch.uk, with the student’s name, tutor group and brief reason. We have three stages of student support including the wellbeing co-ordinator attached to each year group and various interventions through the John Paul Centre (JPC).

Managing the transition back to school: there are ten ways to help children cope with change, taken from Young Minds, on the school website / Information / Wellbeing /Other support resources ([Top Ten Tips A3.indd \(allsaints.notts.sch.uk\)](#)):

- Choose health – know what affects your child
- Be calm – to help your child be calm
- Get learning – to distract their mind
- Work together – share ideas of support
- Communicate – through talking, smiling etc.
- Move on up – encourage independence
- Be wise – be supportive if your child tries new things
- Be the anchor – so your child has a constant in these changing times
- Have fun – to detract away from serious issues
- Look after yourself – so you are able to support your child

Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations

The Year 11 and 13 mocks will continue as planned; however, there will be a slight change to the published timetable for Year 11. Year 11 mock examinations will begin on Tuesday 9th March and the examinations due to take place on Monday 8th March have been moved to the following dates: English Literature- Wednesday 10th March (pm); Religious Education-Thursday 18th March (am) and Music and ICT- Friday 19th March (am).

These changes are the result of the government's instruction to provide testing to all students before they return to their normal class-based activities.

Year 13 mock exams will be starting on the 15th March and students will follow the timetable that has been sent out.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity for your relentless support during these challenging few months. Please rest assured that the school will do everything possible to ensure that the transition back into "normal" schooling is smooth and successful.

Yours sincerely,



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