



St Aidan's Catholic Academy

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25th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We know that you will have been keeping up to date with the latest announcements from Central Government regarding the "Roadmap for Leaving Lockdown" and the return of our pupils to school from 8th March. We appreciate that these are uncertain times, and that what you and your son require from us is clarity around our re-opening plan.

As school leaders we have been issued with documentation containing guidance on how this is expected to be undertaken. Part of the "Return to Education plan" includes offering every pupil the opportunity to be tested in school for coronavirus 3 times: each test being between 3 and 5 days apart. This is designed to pick up on any asymptomatic pupils who may be infected by the coronavirus, but who do not show any symptoms.

Those of you who wish your son to be involved in this have already completed the registration and consent via 'Survey Monkey'.

We all understand that it is better for pupils to be taught in school by their teachers, engaging in all of the activities and routines that a secondary education affords. We wish to ensure that we make the transition back to school for our pupils and their families as straight forward as possible. The DFE have agreed that schools can start testing pupils for coronavirus prior to the 8 March as well as allowing schools to have the flexibility to have a staggered start for different year groups to enable testing to be carried out.

We think that it makes sense to test all of our pupils for coronavirus before they return to school. In order to do this, we will commence our testing programme on Monday 1st March, in accordance with the testing schedule below. Each pupil who is being tested will be given a time slot to attend school within their year group time allocation. As you can see from the schedule below, this will enable us to have Year 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 return to school on Wednesday 10th March.

As you are aware Year 10 are involved in their Virtual Work Experience Week beginning 8th March. Year 10 pupils involved in the mass testing do need to attend school at 1.30pm on Wednesday 10th March 2021 to have their 3rd test. Year 10 will return to school full time on Monday 15th March 2021.

Children of critical workers families who have been attending school will continue to do so. These pupils will need to attend in their PE kits on Friday 5th March 2021.

Year 9 Parents Evening will take place as planned.

Please note: Your son should attend in the time slot allocated. **He only needs to attend if you have consented to him being part of the mass testing programme.**



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Date	Arrive 8.20am	Arrive 10.00am	Arrive 11.00am	Arrive 1.00pm
Monday 1 st March	Year 13	Year 12	Year 11	Year 9
Tuesday 2 nd March	Year 7		Year 8	Year 10
Wednesday 3 rd March				
Thursday 4 th March	Year 13	Year 12	Year 11	Year 9
Friday 5 th March	Year 7		Year 8	Year 10
Monday 8 th March	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 9
Tuesday 9 th March	Year 7		Year 8	
Wednesday 10 th March	Year 7, 8, 9, 11 12 and 13 pupils return to school at normal time.			Year 10

Your son will wait, socially distanced on the yard or seated in our sports hall until called for his test. Once his test has been completed he will be free to leave for home. There may be a short wait for his test therefore we recommend that he brings a book to read. Pupils do not need to wear their uniform when coming to school for a test. When attending for a test pupils will enter through the main school entrance.

During the week beginning 1st March, to facilitate testing no live lessons will be delivered. The week will focus on wellbeing for pupils. Each day we will hold an assembly via TEAMS which your son is expected to attend, outlining the activities for the day. There will be a focus on National Careers, Summit work, World Book day and Fitness. Timetables for each year group can be found below. We will be in touch next week with arrangements for work for Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March.

We continue to have the highest expectations for your son. This is outlined further within our school policies and summarised in the attached document.

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support as we all try to do the best for our pupils to ensure that we minimise the impact of this pandemic on them.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Glenn Sanderson
Headteacher



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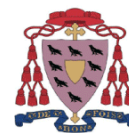
Week Beginning 1st March 2021

Year 7 timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	Careers	Testing Summit Room Maths	Why Uni Careers session	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P2	Careers	Testing Summit Room RE	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P3	Meet your Enterprise Advisor Q&A	Summit Room Science	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P4	Careers	Summit Room English	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P5	Careers	Summit Room Maths	Assembly	World Book day activities	Physical Health

Year 8 timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1	Careers	Summit Room Maths	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P2	Careers	Summit Room RE	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P3	Careers	Testing Summit Room Science	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P4	Careers	Testing Summit Room English	Assembly	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P5	Careers	Summit Room Maths	Careers Resilience workshop	World Book day activities	Physical Health



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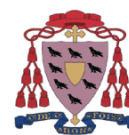
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Year 9 timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
P1	Careers	Summit Room Maths	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P2	Careers	Summit Room RE	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P3	Careers	Summit Room Science	Assembly	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P4	Testing	Careers	Summit Room English	100% work	Careers Discover a Future ME	Physical Health
P5	Testing	Careers	Summit Room Maths	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health

Year 10 timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
P1	Careers	Summit Room Maths	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P2	Careers	Summit Room RE	Assembly	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P3	Careers	Summit Room Science	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P4	Careers	Testing	Summit Room English	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P5	Careers	Testing	Summit Room Maths	100% work	Careers What if? Higher Education	Physical Health



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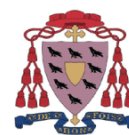


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Year 11 timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
P1	Careers	Summit Room Maths	Assembly	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P2	Careers	Summit Room RE	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P3	Careers	Summit Room Science	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health	
P4	Testing	Careers	Summit Room English	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health
P5	Testing	Careers	Summit Room Maths	100% work	World Book day activities	Physical Health

Year 11 pupils should use any additional time revising for the mock exams – starting Wednesday 10th March 2021.



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