

# Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start by thanking parents for the support you have already shown for us trying to organise Lateral Flow Tests for the whole school community. This is very much appreciated.

## Testing for Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13

Testing will start with Years 11,12 and 13 on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Students in other years will be written to separately. Students have been scheduled across the day in blocks and by Tutor Group. It is important that students keep to time if we are going to manage this undertaking; if they do not arrive punctually, they will have to wait for the next available slot, which may not occur until later in the day.

### Allocated time slots for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March (Years 11, 12 and 13)

| Number | Arrival time<br>(sat in Hall at<br>the time below) | Approximate<br>departure time | Tutor group             | Year     |
|--------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| x      | 08:55  | N/A                           | On site Y11 bubble (12) | Year 11  |
| 1      | 09:00  | 09:50                         | 11CA (28)               |          |
| 2      | 09:20  | 10:10                         | 11CL (26)               |          |
| 3      | 09:40  | 10:30                         | 11DO (26)               |          |
| 4      | 10:00  | 10:50                         | 11MG (28)               |          |
| 5      | 10:20  | 11:10                         | 11MT (27)               |          |
| 6      | 10:40  | 11:30                         | 11ST (23)               |          |
| 7      | 11:00  | 11:50                         | 11TE (23)               |          |
| 8      | 11:20  | 12:10                         | 11VP (28)               |          |
| 9      | 11:40  | 12:30                         | Catch up buffer         | Catch up |
| 10     | 12:00  | 12:50                         | 12 ANW+LHS+PRP (33)     | Year 12  |
| 11     | 12:20  | 13:10                         | 12 RCB+PS (27)          |          |
| 12     | 12:40  | 13:30                         | 12 MS+CG (27)           |          |
| 13     | 13:00  | 13:50                         | 12 CAG+LOE (23)         |          |
| 14     | 13:20  | 14:10                         | 12 JUE+PHM (20)         |          |
| 15     | 13:40  | 14:30                         | 13 CG+JUE (22)          | Year 13  |
| 16     | 14:00  | 14:50                         | 13 MS+ANW+LHS (23)      |          |
| 17     | 14:20  | 15:10                         | 13 PRP+PHM+RAC (21)     |          |
| 18     | 14:40  | 15:30                         | 13 RCB+CAG+LOE (14)     |          |

Upon arrival students should go directly to the Hall via the access ramp by the slope. This is explained on the information on the school website. Please follow [this link](#) for direction maps. Signage will also be posted around the school site. It is important that students who have been tested do not mix with those waiting for a test.

Once the test is complete students leave the site directly to go home. Years 11, 12 and 13 then resume normal lessons from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

If you intend to bring your child to school for the test on Friday, please note that parking on site is limited. We would advise parking in one of the adjacent roads and students walking on to site. Please leave enough time for travel arrangements. Parents who do wait on site must remain in their cars. Throughout the day, we will post hourly updates on the school website so you can monitor progress through the schedule.

Social distancing remains a priority on site, as does the use of hand sanitiser. Students are expected to follow hygiene procedures for their safety and that of staff. Students are expected to wear a mask whilst in school.

**If your child has the symptoms of COVID-19, please do not send them into school to receive a Lateral Flow Test as this could result in a significant number of people having to isolate. You must follow the Government guidance and get a PCR test. Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).**

#### ***What to do if you have previously had a positive PCR Test***

Over the course of the pandemic, we have kept records of all students where we have been notified of a positive PCR test. If your child has had a positive test in the last 90 days then the guidance confirms they do not need to undertake Lateral Flow Tests. They should return to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March with the rest of their year group.

Please email [provision@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:provision@oaklandscatholicschool.org) if you have not already advised us your child tested positive. We need their name, form class and date of the positive test please.

#### ***My child has a part time job and as a result they regularly take a PCR Test and will continue to do so***

In these circumstances your child does not need to take a lateral flow test in school, they should return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March with the rest of their year group. Please email [provision@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:provision@oaklandscatholicschool.org) if you have not already done so with the details of this.

#### ***My child is in a vulnerable category and has already received the vaccine***

The guidance states that they should still follow the LFT procedure.

#### ***What happens if the Lateral Flow Test is positive?***

If the test returns a positive result your child will be isolated and you will be asked to collect your child as soon as possible. They will not be permitted to travel on public transport. This measure is necessary to contain the spread of the virus.

***What happens if the test is negative?***

We will not notify parents of negative result. As I am sure you appreciate, making contact with up to 500 families a day would be an impossible undertaking. Students will be told of a negative test.

***What will happen after the test?***

Students will remain on site, socially distanced and supervised. No student must leave the site until they have been given the result from the test.

***What if I have not given consent for the LFT?***

Your child will return to school / college on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

***What will happen to online learning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March?***

There will be no live online lessons. Staff will set pre-learning tasks in preparation for the return to school.

I appreciate asking parents to arrange for students to be dropped off at school during the day is a significant ask. We all have a part to play in the reopening of schools. Again, can I thank you for your patients and forbearance. The successful completion of this process is a big step in ensuring we can continue to provide quality education safely and will also play our part in the battle against COVID-19.

Yours sincerely



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