

# THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Lateral Flow Testing - Thank you

Our final day of mass lateral flow testing was on Tuesday this week and I would like to thank all of the students who took part in both rounds. It was an amazing effort from the staff at school to conduct all of these tests. It is recommended that all staff and students continue to carry out Lateral Flow Testing twice a week at home, currently until the end of September and we would suggest doing these on a Wednesday and a Sunday. The results of home test kits should be recorded on the Test Register Site. As of 18th July education settings are no longer responsible for contact tracing. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

No student should come to school if they have Covid symptoms. The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature (hot to touch on chest or back);
- a continuous cough;
- a loss or change to the sense of smell or taste.

If any of these symptoms are present then a student should have a PCR test, arranged with the NHS and remain at home whilst you await the result. Some students and staff feel safer wearing a face mask in school which is permitted. We ask every student to sanitise their hands regularly and all rooms have windows and doors open to aid airflow through the school.

#### Open Evening - Thank you

We had our Open Evening on Thursday, which is why we had a slightly earlier finish and I would like to thank you for your co-operation in this. It was an excellent evening and our students who helped on the evening were fantastic ambassadors.

#### **Drop Off/Pick Up**

Parents/carers are asked not to drop their son off/pick him up directly outside of the school in the interest of safety and with respect to those who live next to the school.

### Menus

Parents/carer can get find out what is on the menu from our catering company by accessing the information from our website.

## Safety

We have been asked by the Schools and Youth Partnership Team to share the following information with you. "Sutton Police are currently working with Fearless, part of the independent charity Crimestoppers.

They provide young people access to non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. They provide a safe place to give information about crime 100% anonymously."

## **Information Evenings**

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended our Year 12 Parent Information Evening on Monday. Next week, we have the following virtual events:

Monday 13th September – Year 13

Tuesday 14th September - Year 8

Wednesday 15th September - Year 11

Thursday 16th September – Year 9

I hope you all have great weekends, in the company of slightly tired but content children.

Yours sincerely,

P E McCullagh

Headteacher