



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are finishing 2021 rather as we started it, with schools in a state of uncertainty given yet another COVID-19 wave. It has indeed been relentless and exhausting juggling the needs of students, staff, parents/carer and communities. You have more than survived a tremendously difficult year and now it is time to recuperate.

School Return

We are hoping to have a full return to school on Thursday 6th January but this will be somewhat dependent on what happens over the next few weeks and if there are any announcements from the Department for Education. **Please be advised this plan could change.**

Year 7 survey

The parents/carers of 127 x Year 7 students have responded to our survey so far. This is important and will close at 12.00pm on Tuesday 21st December. Please respond, as this will support the school in its planning.

Testing

We will be offering lateral flow tests to all consented students on Tuesday 4th January. Please see the plan below:

Arrival Time	Year Groups
9.00 am	Years 7 & 8
10.30 am	Years 9 & 10
12.00 pm	Year 11
2.00 pm	Years 12 & 13

If your son has a smart phone, it would be helpful for him to have it with him when he attends for testing, to aid the registration process.

The student will receive a text notification of a positive or negative result from the online NHS system to the mobile number given on the consent form. Your son can dress casually on his day of testing; he does not need to wear his full school uniform.

If your son tests positive using a lateral flow device, he will need to take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the result. This additional 'PCR test' should be taken on the same day or as soon as possible afterwards. Parents/carers will be responsible for arranging the PCR Test. Students will need to self-isolate while waiting for the PCR result via text/email.

This testing programme, is for people with no symptoms. If your son develops symptoms at any time he must immediately self-isolate, and book a PCR test.

Students will be returning for lessons on Thursday 6th January.

The school also has a contingency plan should we have fewer Testers available than expected. In the event that we needed to move to a contingency plan then the following model would be used, when testing would run on both Tuesday 4th January and Wednesday 5th January. Here is our back up plan:

Day 1: Tuesday 4th January

Arrival Time	Year Groups
9.00 am	Years 7 & 8
11.00 am	Years 9 & 10

Day 2: Wednesday 5th January

Arrival Time	Year Groups
9.00 am	Years 12 & 13
11.00 am	Year 11

Mufti Day/s

The total raised was £1523.25! This is amazing considering there were two year groups not in school.

The money raised will be split between the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal (<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>), the Catholic Children's Society ([Home - Catholic Childrens Society \(cathchild.org.uk\)](http://Home-Catholic-Childrens-Society.cathchild.org.uk)), the Book Trust Christmas Appeal (www.booktrust.org.uk) and 'Jumpers for Jimmy' appeal (<https://mizenfoundation.org>)

Messages received from parents/carers this week:

'I am writing to thank you and all the school staff for your help, hard work and all you do. May the spirit of Christmas bring you and your family hope, love and blessings. Kind regards.'

Yr.8 Parent

'Thank you for your help and thank you to the teachers for their teaching over the last year, which has been challenging due to Covid -19. I am grateful and impressed at the way The John Fisher School has looked after and taught Cameron and how he has thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of being asked to play rugby and cricket for his school. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Kind Regards.'

Yr.8 Parent

'Wishing all the staff at JF a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. You all have worked really hard during this difficult time and kept my son and all the children in school safe. Thank you for all you do to make my son feel so happy that he is always so excited and happy to go to school. All the staff are in our prayers. You have a lovely Christmas holidays, stay safe and God's blessings to you and your family. Regards.'

Yr.8 Parent

'As we come to the end of Declan's first term at JFS, my wife and I wanted to warmly thank everyone for the support and care offered to our son. It has been immensely reassuring to know that he has been so well looked after by the staff. I know that Declan has appreciated the kindness both you and Mrs Highfield have shown. Mr Lawton, Mr Gillespie and Mrs Shepherd have in particular gone over and above in ensuring that Declan has been fully included in the life of the school. We could ask for nothing more. We wish you all a well deserved Christmas break and I trust you can share our appreciation with the Headteacher and staff mentioned.'

Yr.7 Parent

Newsletter

Please do read our end of term newsletter, which shares alot of the successes from this term.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh
Headteacher