



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you managed to get a family break over the summer holiday. I thought it was worth reminding you with an update for schools regarding Covid-19 and the arrangements for lateral flow testing at the start of the term. These are the same arrangements which were shared with you before the summer holidays and which are available on our website.

The Department for Education have asked that schools operate as normally as possible at the start of this academic year. From the start of the Autumn term, schools will no longer operate in year group bubbles and there is no longer the requirement for face coverings. However, face coverings can be worn voluntarily by anyone anywhere in school if they so wish. All students, staff and visitors are expected to follow the regulations concerning face coverings on public transport (e.g TfL services) to and from school.

Your son is still asked to test twice per week (we recommend Sunday and Wednesday evenings). If the result is negative, then no action is required, and your son can continue to attend school as normal. If the test is positive, then you must take your son for a PCR test immediately. Your son must self-isolate until the result of this PCR test has been returned. Please note that if your son receives a positive PCR test result, the NHS will now undertake the 'track and trace' process directly. Close contacts will no longer be identified by school. Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19, or are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Please be advised that these measures will be continually reviewed if the prevalence of the Covid-19 shifts and our first review will take place when we come to the end of our on-site lateral flow tests taking place at the start of term.

How will the lateral flow testing work?

You may be aware of the government announcement regarding the restarting of Covid-19 asymptomatic on-site testing for students at the start of the new academic year. This testing will make the start of term somewhat unusual. The test is voluntary but requires parental consent for all students under 16 years. Any student who is 16 years or older can self-consent - Please see the schedule below:

On the dates below, students will be coming in for their test only and can wear casual clothes (except for Year 7 & Year 12 students on Monday 6th September, who should be dressed in full school uniform for their induction day).

**** Year 7 & Year 12 students only, will remain on site on Monday 6th September following their SECOND test to complete their Induction Day.***

Wednesday 1st September - Year 7, Test 1

Arrival Time	Forms
12.40pm	7K, 7C, 7M, 7T
1.10pm	7B, 7F, 7N

Thursday 2nd September - Year 11, 12 and 13, Test 1

Arrival Time	Year Group
8.30am	Year 13
9.30am	Year 12
10.30am	Year 11

Friday 3rd September - Years 8, 9 and 10, Test 1

Arrival Time	Year Group
8.30am	Year 8
9.30am	Year 9
10.30am	Year 10

Monday 6th September - Years 7, 12 and 13, Test 2

Arrival Time	Year Group
8.30am*	Year 7
9.30am*	Year 12
10.30am	Year 13

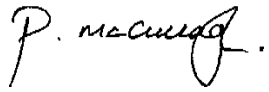
Tuesday 7th September - Years 8, 9, 10 and 11, Test 2

Arrival Time	Year Group
8.30am	Year 11
9.30am	Year 10
10.30am	Year 9
11.30am	Year 8

Timetabled lessons for students will start for all students on Wednesday 8th September.

We are really looking forward to seeing our students return and in particular our new Year 7 students following a very successful 'summer school'.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McCullagh', with a small dot at the end.

P E McCullagh

Headteacher