



ST. PATRICK'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
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3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Find below a summary of how the government's latest Covid-19 guidance will affect your child at St Patrick's for the upcoming academic year:

- There will be no more bubbles, track & trace by school or masks. The identification of close contacts of a positive covid-19 case will now be undertaken by NHS Track and Trace and masks are no longer advised but can still continue to be worn by pupils or staff if they wish. Students will also no longer be kept in bubbles and will be free to move around the building as normal. Face to face parental meetings, face to face assemblies, trips, clubs and sporting events will all recommence.
- Proportionate control measures will remain in place. For example, frequent and thorough hand washing will remain regular practice for all pupils, classrooms will be ventilated with fresh air as much as possible and our enhanced approach to cleaning will remain in place.
- If your child is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive (e.g. someone in your household or another child in their class) they will no longer need to self-isolate – instead they would be advised to get a PCR test to check they have not become infected.
- If your child does show symptoms the guidance remains the same as before – please don't send them in and arrange for them to get a PCR test. If their symptoms start when they are in school, we will contact you and ask you to collect them.
- If your child tests positive the guidance remains the same as before – please don't send them in and ensure they isolate for 10 days (starting from when their symptoms began).
- On completion of two onsite lateral flow tests when they return to school, we are asking pupils to undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests at home from Monday 13th September. If you currently have not given us your consent and would be happy for your

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child to take part please email us at stpatricks.rchighschool@salford.gov.uk. Test kits will be given out during form time.

- If your child tests positive on a lateral flow test at home – they must follow the same guidelines as before – isolate and arrange a PCR test. Should the PCR test then come back negative this overrides the lateral flow test and your child can return to school without the need for further isolation.
- Should we witness a significant increase in positive cases then it is important that you are aware that a local outbreak could be declared by the Director of Public Health in Salford and therefore it may be necessary for us to reintroduce further control measures. This could include things like wearing of masks, reintroducing bubbles and enhanced testing on site. We very much hope we would not ever be in this position but if we did it would very much be a last resort and for the shortest possible time given the impact it could have on the education of all our students.

If you have any questions, suggestions or require more information, then please contact your child's form tutor or fill in a contact form on our website and we will get back to you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Kind regards

Mr Campbell
Deputy Headteacher

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