

01 March 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

The return day for all of our pupils is fast approaching and I am sure you are eagerly awaiting the return to some form of normality.

I have been asked by a number of parents/carers of secondary aged pupils about the systematic testing of our students.

Earlier in the year I sent consent letters out to all parents/carers of our secondary students asking if they would consent to their son/daughter being tested on site and thank you to those whom responded.

On its own Asymptomatic testing will not prevent the transmission of COVID-19 but used with other tools available it will help us to;

Identify and help to prevent staff, students and pupils without symptoms from transmitting and spreading the virus unknowingly.

It will also allow the school/college to operate as safely as possible by self-isolating those that are identified as being contagious as soon as possible.

The testing is voluntary and students will be allowed to attend school even if they decide not to take part in the testing. We will be provided with testing kits that students can take home and use and there are also a number of test and trace sites within the community that anyone can attend to be tested without a prior appointment if you will to use these alternatives, but again it is voluntary.

Can I please remind everyone that if your young person will not be returning on the 8th March could you please inform the school office no later than today 1st March by email to office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Could I also suggest that you notify your transport provider that you will require your young person to be collected from the 8th if they are not already doing so.

If anyone in your household or your young person develops any COVID symptoms please notify the school immediately and keep your young person at home until the test results have been received and they are negative or follow the self-isolation guidelines if a positive result is recorded.

Kind Regards



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Head of School