



# St Bede's

Roman Catholic High School

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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, pupils will be returning to school from the 8th March and we are really looking forward to welcoming our pupils back. As part of the return to school, schools are to offer asymptomatic testing to all pupils, whose parents have given consent. In order to be able to facilitate this mass testing programme, schools are able to phase the return of students over the week.

In order to successfully administer the large volume of tests required in school, I have taken the decision to phase the return of students from Monday 8th enabling all students to return to school and access 'face to face' teaching on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the timetable included with this letter, and also on the school's website, for full details and the timetable and order in which the pupils' may return.

Pupils of critical workers and vulnerable pupils, who were permitted to attend school since the lockdown, can continue to attend school during this week.

Following the government guidance, pupils (except where an exemption applies) will be required to wear a suitable face covering in all classrooms as well as corridors. Face coverings are compulsory for school transport.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

D Callaghan  
Headteacher



## Mass Testing and return to school timetable (summary)

Below is a summary table outlining the day each Year group will return to school from week commencing March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to pages 7 to 9 of the pupil and parent return to St Bede's guide which will be available through the school website and Edulink.

Year group	Consented to LFD test?	Return to school date
11	Yes	Monday March 8 <sup>th</sup>
	No	Tuesday March 9 <sup>th</sup>
10	Yes	Tuesday March 9 <sup>th</sup>
	No	Wednesday March 10 <sup>th</sup>
9	Yes	Wednesday March 10 <sup>th</sup>
	No	Thursday March 11 <sup>th</sup>
8	Yes	Thursday March 11 <sup>th</sup>
	No	Friday March 12 <sup>th</sup>
7	Yes	Friday March 12 <sup>th</sup>
	No	Monday March 15 <sup>th</sup>

## Staggered arrival times

Due to the high number of pupils requiring a LFD test, we are having to stagger the arrival times of pupils. On the first day of testing for each year group, pupils who travel on school buses and those who are reliant on other forms of transport, should arrive no later than **8.20am**. All other pupils consenting to a test should arrive **from 9.45am to 10.45am**.

Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or if they are self-isolating.

The Lateral Flow Device tests **are not designed** to be used for anyone who is displaying the main symptoms of coronavirus. These are:

- A high temperature.
- A new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.