



St John Fisher Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

During the past week we have been informed of an increasing number of students who have tested positive for COVID-19. The DfE 'contingency framework' indicates that a threshold is met when five students, likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a ten-day period. Unfortunately, we have now met this threshold in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. We have therefore made the decision, following advice from NYCC PHE, to put the following safety measures in place.

Face Coverings

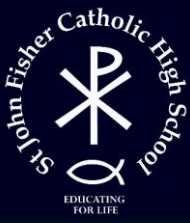
1. From Monday 4th October until Friday 15th October inclusive, it will be **compulsory** for students in Years 7-11 and staff to wear face coverings in corridors, communal areas and classrooms.
2. Students working in the Sixth Form study area (which is a separate area of the school) are not required to wear face coverings in this area. If, however, they enter the main school communal areas, it is **compulsory** for them to wear a face covering as above.

We recommend that your child brings at least one spare face covering each day, For the benefit of the environment and due to the cost of disposable face coverings, we recommend reusable options.

Twice weekly testing

We strongly encourage all students to test themselves using Lateral Flow Devices, twice weekly at home. The Operational Guidance for schools was updated this week, confirming that students should continue to test twice weekly at home, with lateral flow device (LFD) test kits, 3 to 4 days apart.





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We continue to monitor the case rates in school and work closely with NYCC PHE. We would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you informed of developments.

Open Date Update

In light of the increase in positive COVID-19 cases, we are required to respond to the DfE recommendations outlined in the DfE contingency framework. The guidance outlines that we need to restrict opportunities for transmission and this impacts upon our plans for Open Days for both incoming Year 7 and Sixth Form Students.

As such, the planned Open Day on Saturday 9th October will now be limited to those students who are due to embark upon their Sixth Form studies in September 2022.

For Year 6 students, due to commence Year 7 in September 2022, we are now planning to hold Open Evenings during w/c 18th October. Further details will be provided early next week.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Mort
Headteacher

