

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and students

5th March 2021

Let us all hope and pray that this is the final letter to you, from me, whilst in the dreadful situation of being closed for many of our children. A school is little without its students and the usual hustle and bustle has been sorely missed since we returned after the Christmas break. Although it would appear the end is in sight, it is still not with us. As we re-open on Monday for more students and complete our schedule to have all children back by Thursday, we must all remember and get across to our children, that the country is still in a national lockdown. No other regulations have been relaxed. Students can only come to school and go immediately home again afterwards. We will be extremely disappointed if this rule, imposed by the Government, is not strictly adhered to. Children should not gather in groups or congregate outside of school either on their way in or on their way home. Please ensure that your children fully understand this before returning to school. The 2m social distancing guide should be applied in school and outside school.

We will endeavour to get back to some type of normality as quickly as possible. The rules and guidance we had in place before the holiday and lockdown will be back in place with the added change to the wearing of face coverings and the testing procedure we have been required to put in place. The guidance below is being shared so that your children know what to expect on their return to school next week. Please make sure they have read it before they come to school. We have nearly 90% of our children being tested.

Return to school and testing.

The following guidance should support all students on their return to school to take part in the testing for asymptomatic Covid-19. Although most of the people doing the testing are our staff, we also have some volunteers from our community who have kindly agreed to support our efforts.

- When you arrive at school go immediately to your Designated Social Area.
 - Form tutors will collect tutor groups and those students, for whom we have received permission to test, must go to the School Hall or the Sports Hall (please see testing plan). Those we do not have consent to test will remain in form and go to normal lessons.
 - Once in the hall you will be seated in registration groups.
 - You will receive a registration card which will have a unique bar code stuck to it.
 - Using your mobile phone you will need to scan the QR code.
 - Do not worry if you do not have a mobile phone that allows this as we will register you using a laptop.
 - You will need to know your parents/carers mobile phone number and their email address so that they can receive your test result.
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- The following pages will appear for you to register your test
 - Page 1 – select ‘start now’
 - Page 2 – select ‘yourself’
 - Page 3 – select ‘sign in/create an account’
 - Page 4 – please put in your parents/carers email address and create a password
 - It should then welcome you to your Test and Trace account



- Page 6 – select ‘Register a test’
 - Page 7 – asks you to scan the barcode we give to you once done click continue
 - Page 8 – the test site id is TUMB, select continue
 - Page 9 – Confirm test site, make sure it says Lacon Childe School and select ‘I used this site’ click continue
 - Page 10 – asked to take part in daily testing select ‘No’ and continue
 - Page 11 – date and time, select ‘today, put the hour closest to your test in the box and ‘am’
 - Page 12 – hopefully you do not have any symptoms, select ‘No’ and continue
 - Page 13 – select ‘No, I did not travel overseas’ and continue
 - You will be asked about your ethnicity, please ask if unsure
 - Page 14 – select ‘No’ and continue
 - Page 15 – select ‘No’ and continue
 - The final page asks you to check your answers, it contains all of the details you have entered. You select continue and then you are ready to take your test.
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- Sit on your chair until you are called for testing.
 - Staff will guide you through the testing procedure - just do as you are asked.
 - Following your test, you will return to your seat in the hall until your result is confirmed (usually 30 mins).
 - Make sure that you have a reading book with you.
 - If you get a negative test result you will be sent to your lesson.
 - If you get a positive result, we will follow the guidance for a positive test and isolate you until you can be taken for a PCR test. This will mean a further 10 days isolation.

There will be staff in the School Hall/Sports Hall to guide you through this in the mornings.

Testing Plan

Date	Facility/Year group
Mon 8 th March	School Hall – Yr11 testing
Tues 9 th March	School Hall – Yr10 testing
Wed 10 th March	School Hall – Yr7 testing
Thursday 11 th March	Sports Hall – Yr8 and Yr9 testing
Friday 12 th March	School Hall – Yr11 testing
Mon 15 th March	Sports Hall – Yr10 and Yr7 testing
Tues 16 th March	Sports Hall – Yr8 and Yr9 testing
Wed 17 th March	School hall – Yr11 testing
Fri 19 th March	Sports Hall – Yr10 and Yr7 testing
Mon 22 nd March	Sports Hall – Yr8 and Yr9 testing

Take care, stay safe and look after each other.

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