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Latest Government Guidance

I am sure you were as surprised as I was to read that there will be a staggered start to the new spring term. As always, we react in a pragmatic manner and will follow the government guidelines.

Therefore, please note the following instructions for the week commencing 4th January:

All students in Years 11 and 13 will return to school as normal on Monday 4th January. The usual school transport will be provided.

Any vulnerable children will be asked to return to school on Monday 4th January. We will contact you personally if your child is in this category.

If you are a Key Worker, please feel free to send your child to school as normal if you are working. Can you please email office@painsley.staffs.sch.uk by Sunday 3rd January if you are in this position?

All other students must sign into their lessons remotely and punctually. All staff will be in school and will begin lessons on time with a register.

I know that many of you are well versed in the arrangements for remote teaching but, as a reminder, your child has a Google Meets account that is used to access remote teaching. They are invited to the class via a code which has been sent on 'Show My Homework' (please see guidance sheet attached). The following rules apply:

- Pupils must wear suitable clothing, as should anyone else in the household.
- Pupils' webcams should normally be switched off.
- Any computers used should be in appropriate areas, for example, preferably not in bedrooms.
- Pupil microphones should be switched off unless a pupil is asked a specific question or unless they are answering their name in the register.
- Senior members of staff will visit the online lessons to provide support for staff and provide further safeguarding reassurances.
- There must be full compliance with all school policies including the Safeguarding Policy when delivering and receiving remote lessons.

If your child will have difficulties accessing the appropriate technology, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Leader.



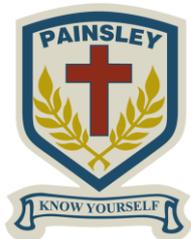
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Lateral Flow Tests

We strongly support the government's decision to facilitate mass testing in school. This will allow staff to be tested on a weekly basis and ensure that any 'close contacts' of positive cases are tested on a daily basis rather than having to be sent home to self-isolate. As you know, these testing procedures have been piloted at Painsley and have been very successful. We are therefore in a strong position to roll out mass testing on a daily basis. However, we need your consent to test your child. Therefore, as soon as the government produces the consent form and privacy notice, we will send these out on ParentPay with instructions regarding how you can give electronic consent. This is not necessary if your child is in Year 12 or 13 as they can self-consent.

We await further instructions from the government regarding testing arrangements and will inform you of any developments as they become clearer.

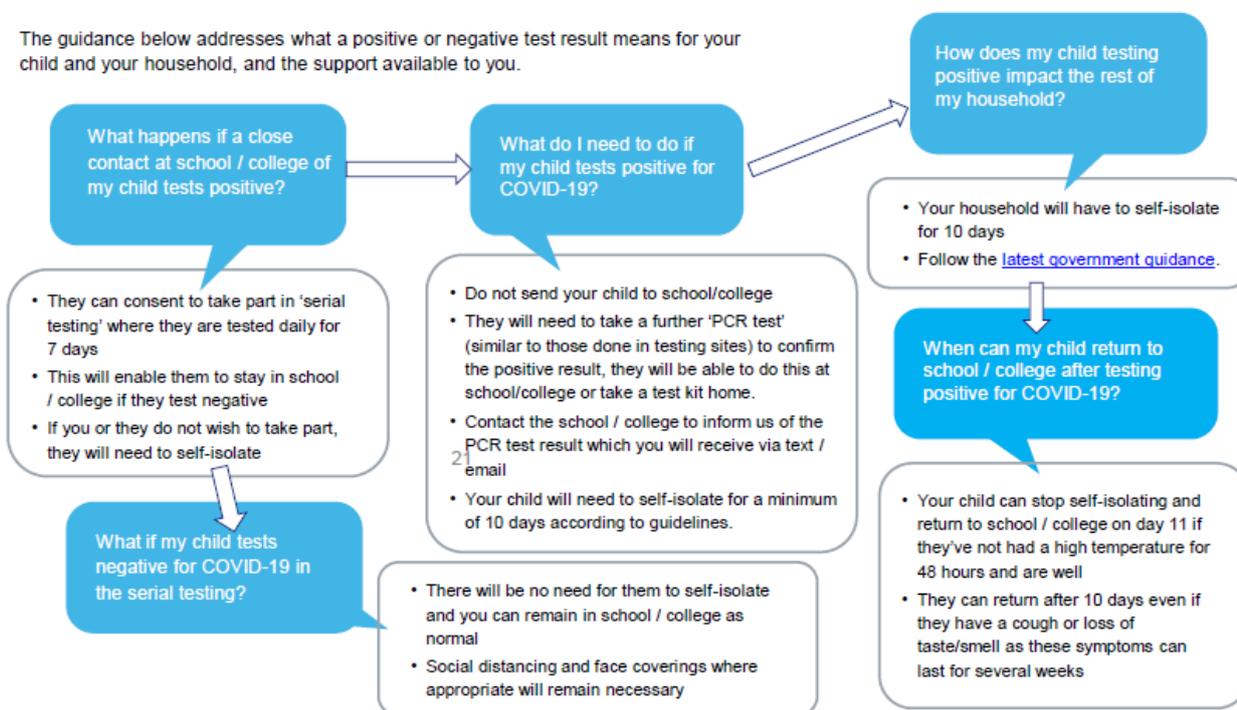
I have included below some guidance from the NHS:



Test and Trace

COVID-related pupil/student absence – Printable Guidance for Parents and Pupils/Students (1/2)

The guidance below addresses what a positive or negative test result means for your child and your household, and the support available to you.



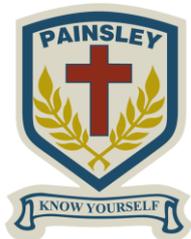
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COVID-related pupil/student absence – Printable Guidance for Parents and Pupils/Students (2/2)

The guidance below addresses what a positive or negative test result means for your child and your household, and the support available to you.

What does a positive result mean for my child's education?

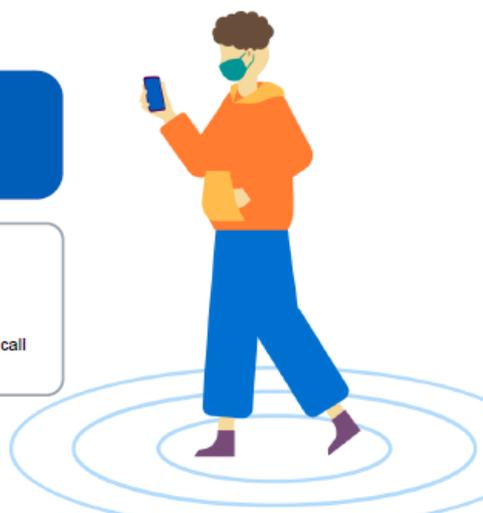
We have a strong commitment to ensuring all pupils/students can access a wide range of learning resources remotely and will continue to support their education whilst they are self-isolating.

Additional information can be found <https://bit.ly/covidhomelearning>



Addressing your concerns

For more information you can visit: <https://bit.ly/covidhomelearning>
If you're worried about your child medically, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/> or call 111.



I also respectfully ask you to ensure that all [Tier 3 rules](#) are adhered to over the holidays as this is the best way to reduce the spread of the virus.

Yours faithfully

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