



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents for your continued support.

In response to the government's announcement earlier this week, please be aware that there is no change to our end of term. Students are required in school up to and including Friday 18th December.

As you are no doubt aware we will be continuing with our track and trace should we need to. If your son/daughter receives a positive test result, please inform office@painsley.staffs.sch.uk including the following information:

- When did the symptoms first develop
- What was your son/daughter last in school
- When was the test taken
- Contact number for us to be able to communicate with you should we need to re: close contacts

After Thursday 24th December there is no requirement to make contact with us however, please do inform us of any further positive test results at the start of term on Monday 4th January.

We are very fortunate to have carried out 160 lateral flow tests in college yesterday across the staff and sixth form students, which were all negative. We look forward to being able to extend this provision over the coming weeks.

As we have not been able to host our 'friends of Painsley' party, the students have prepared hampers for those in our local community and parishes. On the morning of Thursday 17th December, we will be live streaming Mass across the school site and on Friday 18th December we will be holding a non-uniform day (Christmas jumpers may be worn) and showing a pre-recorded talent show with students in their Emmaus groups. The cost of the day is £2 per student and this is our final contribution to Mary's Meals. Money will be collected at the start of the day. The usual school equipment must be brought for the day. Usual hair, jewellery and make-up rules apply. If it proves difficult for any student to join the non-uniform day because of finances, parents are requested to contact the pastoral lead for their child at the college.

In the Gospel on Sunday we hear about preparing the way for Christ's coming. John the Baptist (John 1:6-8, 19-28), recognised that 'He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.' How prepared are we to welcome Christ himself into our lives?

God bless

Principal



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