



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been truly wonderful to welcome our students back this week. I have no doubt that students and staff alike will welcome a rest over the weekend, as we readjust once again to a different way of working.

I am delighted that in excess of 93% of our community have consented to lateral flow testing this week, and all year groups are on their 2nd or 3rd test. As a reminder for next week, testing will take place on the following days:

Monday 15th March – Year 7 **Second test**, Year 12, 13 **Third test**

Tuesday 16th March – Year 10 & 11 **Third test**

Wednesday 17th March – Year 8 & 9 **Third test**

Thursday 18th March – Year 7 **Third test**

Following the first tests students will be invited for their second test from their timetabled lessons.

I am very grateful for the significant team of teaching and support staff who have been testing our students throughout the week and will continue to do so next week.

All pupils will be given home test kits at the end of next week and will be asked to regularly test themselves twice a week at home and report results to NHS Test and Trace, as well as with school via a link on the [home page](#) of our school website. The home test kits will include instructions for testing and reporting results. We will retain our own small testing site so that pupils who are unable to test themselves at home can still participate.

Students aged 18 and over should self-test and report the result, with assistance if needed. If your child is aged 12 to 17 they will need adult supervision to self-test and report. You or another adult may conduct the test if necessary. If your child is aged 11 and attending a secondary school, you or another adult should conduct the test.

If your child tests positive, they will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance](#) (if they test positive at school, you should [arrange for them to be collected](#))
- [book a further test](#) (a lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test) to confirm the result, if the test was done at home

Testing is voluntary and your child will not be tested unless appropriate consent is in place. We strongly encourage your child to take part to help us break chains of transmission and manage the virus. Your child will not be stopped from returning to school if they choose not to take part in testing.

Anyone with symptoms, whether they are involved in this programme or not, should [book a free NHS test](#) and follow government self-isolation guidance until the results of their test are known.



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If you have any questions about the asymptomatic testing programme, please speak to your child's Pastoral Lead at school.

I thank the staff and students for their compliance with the risk assessment and especially the wearing of face masks when social distancing cannot be maintained indoors. As the government reviews this expectation at Easter, please be assured that we will also revise our risk assessment accordingly.

In other news, I am delighted to share coverage of our Mary's Meals campaign; <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/News/Default.aspx>. Once again, I thank all the students for their tremendous efforts in raising £45,000 from Painsley alone.

It was timely to speak to Year 11 and their parents on Thursday via School Cloud video conferencing. We continue to await guidance from the awarding bodies in relation to the evidence base for the awarding of teacher grades, but we do know that students in Years 11 and 13 are expected in school until 18th June and that results days for A level and GCSE will be on 10th and 12th August respectively.

As we journey through Lent, we continue to make our spiritual journey in preparation for Easter. In the Gospel we hear the story of Nicodemus. When confronted by Jesus do we come to the light so that our deeds may be known or do we shun the light? (John 3: 14-21) On Sunday, we think of our mothers and we pray that our spiritual mother remains alongside our Lenten journey.

God bless

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