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Dear Parent/Carer

We look forward to welcoming our students back from Monday 8th March. As a reminder, the arrangements for return are as follows:

Friday 5th March – Year 12 & 13 to come in for their first test and return home.

Monday 8th March – Year 10 & 11

Tuesday 9th March – Year 8 & 9

Wednesday 10th March – Year 7

On return, students should use their allocated entrance and make their way straight to their Emmaus groups unless they are directed otherwise by a member of staff.

Students will remain with their Emmaus group on the first morning of return until all consenting students have been tested. Students will be reminded of the information in the risk assessment and expectation to keep all in our community safe. Please note, an updated risk assessment is available on our school website:

<https://www.painsley.co.uk/parents-students/communications/>.

Year 12 and 13 students will start lessons on Monday 8th as per the timetable, having been tested prior to return. Students in the sixth form will be briefed on expectations during period 1.

Following the initial test, consenting students will receive an additional two tests in school, 3-5 days apart. The schedule for testing is outlined below. After the first test students will be accompanied to the test site from their normal timetabled lessons.

Monday 8th March – Year 10 & 11 **First test** (Year 12 & 13 in normal timetabled lessons, Y7-9 working at home)

Tuesday 9th March – Year 8 & 9 **First test** (Year 10-13 in normal timetabled lessons, Year 7 working at home)

Wednesday 10th March – Year 7 **First test**, Year 12, 13 **Second test**

Thursday 11th March - Year 10 & 11 **Second test**

Friday 12th March - Year 8 & 9 **Second test**

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**



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As a result of the return to school and lateral flow testing arrangements, Y10 and 12 assessment timetables have been amended and re-distributed to students.

Please be aware that we have approximately 20 teaching staff and 15 support staff involved in the testing programme. As a result, there will be occasions when students have work set by teachers in certain subjects. I am sure you will be understanding of the requirements on us to test all students on their initial return.

Following the first testing period, we will share guidance with you on home testing moving forward.

As a reminder of the letters sent out last week, you should not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus. If this is the case, please inform the school immediately.

Please note that from the date stated above, it is mandatory for your child to attend school, meaning that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child.

As a reminder, we are implementing many measures in order to mitigate any risks of spreading coronavirus. We are confident that these measures will ensure that the environment is as safe as possible. For example, additional procedures include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring students who travel on school transport follow comprehensive measures including the compulsory use of face coverings and allocated seats;
- Students washing or sanitising their hands on arrival and departure;
- Students being placed in Year group 'bubbles' in clearly designated areas;
- Teachers moving to students in order to avoid crowded corridors between lessons;
- Seating plans in all lessons resulting in us having a comprehensive database of contacts;
- Students sitting in rows rather than in groups facing each other;
- Windows and doors being left open to improve ventilation;
- Separate entrances and exits with staggered times for different bubbles;
- Separate sittings for lunch;
- Regular and enhanced cleaning programme throughout the day – particularly in high-risk areas such as toilets;
- Additional handwashing equipment and sanitiser dispensers across the school for regular use throughout the day;
- Additional behaviour policies to ensure students understand their role in the school environment;
- Clear Academy-wide strategies in the event of a local outbreak;

In line with government guidance, students will need to wear face coverings when indoors **including in classrooms and corridors**. Students should avoid touching their faces as this increases transmission rates.



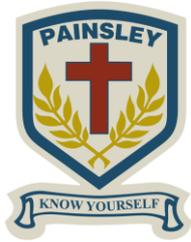
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If a student has a particular health issue, an individual risk assessment will be conducted with parents in order to assess whether a face covering is necessary at additional times.

Staff will also wear face coverings as they walk in corridors and in classrooms unless they are exempt.

Government guidance on face coverings

A face covering should:

- cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably
- fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face
- be secured to the head with ties or ear loops
- be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton
- ideally include at least two layers of fabric (the World Health Organisation recommends three depending on the fabric used)
- unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged

When wearing a face covering you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on
- avoid wearing on your neck or forehead
- avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus
- change the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it
- avoid taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession (for example, when leaving and entering shops on a high street)

When removing a face covering:

- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
- only handle the straps, ties or clips
- do not give it to someone else to use
- if single-use, dispose of it carefully in a residual waste bin and do not recycle
- if reusable, wash it in line with manufacturer's instructions at the highest temperature appropriate for the fabric
- wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed



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This will not apply in situations where a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example, PE lessons. Face coverings do not need to be worn by pupils or students when outdoors on the premises and social distance can be maintained. The wearing of face coverings in classrooms is being introduced for a limited time until Easter. It will be kept under review and our guidance will be updated at that point.

For the latest guidance for parents, please visit gov.uk/backtoschool

Congratulations and thank you to all our students who took part in the 60 minute switch. Participants and winners will be notified on return and it is lovely to see a collection of students' contributions on display in college. The judges were blown away by the effort, enthusiasm and contributions by all students. The judges in each category had a difficult task to choose the following winners:

The Painsley bakers 'bake off' Judges: Mrs Forrester, Mrs Wright and Miss Sowter.

Winners

Tyler Benson, Elizabeth Thorley, Conor-Scott Basford, Imogen Cressey, Jamie Potts, Lola-Mai Titterton, Madison Matthews, Ben Andrzejewski and Alexa Williams

Challenge: *Make a cake or cupcakes of your choice, show evidence of recipe/photo whilst baking/photo of finished design.*

The college calendar photo shoot Judges: Mr Beardmore, Mrs Horleston and Mrs Keates.

Winners

Maya Foster, Avneet Billing, Stacey Allen and Bria-Rose Thomas

Challenge: *Take a photograph either outdoors or inside for each month of the year.*

Sharpen that pencil picture challenge Judges: Miss Dutton and Mrs Gillespie.

Winners

Hope Hargreaves, Poppy Flynn, Rosa Hargreaves Rheya Elliot, Sophia Fitzgerald and Scarlett Hemmings

Challenge: *Draw an image/picture on a piece of A4 paper depicting lockdown from your eyes. This can be natural or coloured in.*

Show your textile talent in creating a fabric cross for a friend of Painsley Judges: Mrs Hurst and Mrs Comfort.

Winner

Ella Bowyer

Challenge: *Design, sew/embroider a cross made from a fabric of your choice. 8 inches by 4 inches approx.*

Bird's eye view Judge: Mr Morris.

Winners

Alexander Littlewood, William Whitehurst and Toby Hackney

Challenge: *Spotting our feathered friends in the garden or park. Record how many birds you can spot in your garden/park and name as many as you can.*



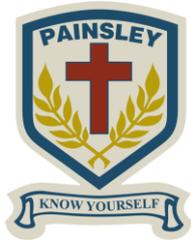
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Where is your treasure? Judges: Mr Alcock.

Winners

Emily Heaton and Mabel Steel

Challenge: *Create an Easter treasure hunt in your house or garden for the family. It must include sign posts, clues and a map.*

Make a meal of it Judges: Miss Moore and Mr P. Allen.

Winners

Charlotte Price, Emily Oskarsen and Elizabeth Mansell

Challenge: *Create a snack or meal for you or your family. We need to see evidence of a menu/photo whilst preparing the food and a photo of the finished dish.*

No filters allowed Judges: Mrs Kavanagh.

Winners

Jack Allen, Eve Harrison and James Ray

Challenge: *Use your smart phone or camera to capture a picture which made you smile.*

We need a caption alongside it to explain the reason why it made you smile, it can be taken at home/outdoors/ your favourite place etc.

De-stress, De-clutter Judges: Mrs Brown, Mr Mayer and Miss Smyth.

Winner

Amber Allen, Louis Smith and Emily Green

Challenge: *Take time to organise your workspace/family room/garden etc - show evidence before and evidence afterward.*

Get your paws outdoors Judges: Miss Grimley and Miss Hickey.

Winner

Seb Rowe, Claudia Dos Santos and Alannah Reilly

Challenge: *Pal up with your pet and count your steps. How far can you go in one hour? Show evidence of steps on a tracker/picture of your cute pet and the best view on the walk.*

The fantastic work is displayed on our college notice board by reception.

As we journey through the season of Lent, it is comforting to remember we are Christ's body in the church. We pray that our transition back to one of physical communion is blessed by God's presence among us.

God bless

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