



**St Antony's
Roman Catholic School**

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10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, we have been super impressed with how our students have returned. It's been wonderful to meet all the new Year 7s. They've had a great first week and will be starting their 'proper' timetables on Monday. Uniform is excellent and their attitudes and manners have been exemplary. Please save the evening of 14th October 2021 for a Pastoral Parents' Evening. Further details to follow.

All those with consent have completed Lateral Flow tests in the Isolation Room as scheduled. Once students have had their second LFT test they will be given a home testing kit (we are currently awaiting a delivery). The government has advised that students continue to LFT test at home twice a week; we suggest Sunday and Wednesday evening. There is a slight modification to the processing of LFT tests – instructions are in each box – please pay attention to the fact that:

- these are nose swab only tests
- the swab sample needs to be squeezed for 5 minutes in the buffer tube solution before the swab is removed and the solution used on the cassette.

Steps to take if the LFT result is positive

1. Log it on the NHS Track and Test site using this link: www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result
2. Book a PCR test and inform school via email or phone of the result

Students who have tested positive on the PCR will need to self-isolate 10 days. Students who are a close contact will also need to go for a PCR but can continue to come into school unless they have symptoms.

We are looking forward to our Open Evening, which is taking place on Monday 20th September 2021 from 4pm to 7pm. All are welcome, so please share this date with friends and family who may be looking for a secondary school place in September 2022 or 2023. School will finish early that day at approximately 12:30pm so that we can fully prepare for this event.

Finally, can I ask those parents who drop off and/or pick up in cars to park as far away from the school as possible for the safety of our own children and those from Highfield.

As always, thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

With kind regards,

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