



Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope you have had a restful holiday and that you are looking forward to a productive, safe and happy new year.

You should already be aware of the arrangements for the beginning of this term, but I will take this opportunity to remind you of the timings for in-school testing:

**Wednesday 5th January:**

**Year 11 at 9.15am.** The pupils will be tested and remain in school as normal, with social distancing until they receive their result.

**7G and 7C at 10.30am and 7F, 7A, 7B at 11.30am.** These pupils will return home immediately after their test, and arrive the following day as normal.

**8G and 8C at 1pm and 8F, 8A, 8B at 2pm.** These pupils will return home immediately after their test, and arrive the following day as normal.

**Thursday 6th January:**

**10F and 10C at 10am and 10G at 11am.** These pupils will return home immediately after their test, and arrive the following day as normal.

**9G at 12pm, 9C at 12.30pm, 9F at 1pm, 9B+9A at 2pm.** These pupils will return home immediately after their test, and arrive the following day as normal.

**Friday 7th January:**

All pupils with a negative result to return to school as normal.

**Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19:**

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Pupils must now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation and should then return to school, on day 8. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart.

If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 7.

Please forward proof of positive tests, and two negative tests, to [admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch](mailto:admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch)

If pupils are identified as a close contact, by the NHS, they should continue to attend school but take an LFD test every day for seven days.

**COVID-19 Vaccinations**

The NHS have requested that the school makes itself available again for on-site vaccinations of pupils aged 12 and over. Another letter will be sent nearer the time with information about how you



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can make use of this service.

### **General Message:**

Thank you very much for your vigilance during the pandemic so far. However, we must be more focussed than ever on ensuring we all follow the guidance provided by the DFE. This includes: testing at home twice weekly (every 3-5 days); compulsory wearing of face masks when in classrooms and communal areas (unless proof of exemption is provided); continuing with regular hand washing and hand sanitising; keeping a safe distance from one another where possible; and not touching our face masks and face.

If your son becomes symptomatic, they must not attend school, self-isolate and book a PCR test as soon as possible. If your son tests positive on LFD, they must again book a PCR test immediately and let the school know as soon as possible.

We will do everything we can, in the coming weeks, to maintain regular timetabled lessons. However, please be aware that there may be the need for a more formal remote learning timetable, in addition to what is already provided for pupils who are self-isolating. Should the need arise, we will of course keep you up to date with the detail. It would be prudent for you to make us aware of any issues you may have with the practicalities of home learning.

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, pupils should log in to Showmyhomework to access content for the subjects they would normally have attended. They should ensure they complete this work to the best of their ability.

Thank you again for your patience and support during these challenging times. I look forward to a happy, safe and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bryant  
Head of School