



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
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Monday, 06 December 2021

Dear parent(s)/carer(s) and students

I wanted to write this week to update you about some of the logistical arrangements at the end of term and on our return in January 2022.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 we will be breaking up at 1.30pm. The school buses will be on site to take students home at this earlier time and we shall monitor the train times to ensure students get the train closest to the 1.30pm finish.

In light of the Government's recent announcement asking schools to coordinate on site COVID testing in January we will need to alter the return to school schedule very slightly.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (our original return to school date) we shall be operating our Asymptomatic Testing Site (ATS) only. Consenting students will need to attend school for a test only and then return home. Students do not need to wear their uniform. School will then begin in earnest on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for all students at the usual time.

In order for your child to be part of this testing new consent needs to be obtained and you can supply this consent by completing the form at this link: [Asymptomatic testing consent form](#) Students who are over the age of 16 can complete this form themselves.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 testing will operate as follows:

**All students who catch a Thandi bus** should catch the bus as normal and ensure they are wearing a mask at all times. On arrival to school they will attend the ATS in the gym immediately for testing and once tested the buses will take them back home again. I anticipate that this will be around 10am.

**For students who do not use the buses** the ATS will operate as follows:

Year 7 will operate from 10.00am

Year 8 will operate from 11.00pm

Year 9 will operate from 12.00pm

Year 10 will operate from 1.00pm

Year 11 will operate from 2.00pm

Students in Year 12 and 13 can come at any time throughout the day.

Please note that siblings can arrive together and should come at the earliest allocated time.

Students must arrive at their allotted time and report to the gym. They will be sent home once tested and as long as their test is negative.

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In the event that a student tests positive, they will be placed in isolation, and a parent/carer contacted to collect them and arrange a PCR test.

I would urge everyone to engage in this testing programme to ensure our return to school for the Spring Term is as COVID free as possible and we do all we can to avoid further lost learning days. I also appreciate that some families might not want their child to come in just for a COVID test and may choose to test at home instead.

If you do choose to do this please report this test result to us via the following link:

[COVID home testing reporting](#)

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 tasks for learning missed will be uploaded on to each students TEAMS account.

Finally, while writing to you I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting our non-uniform day last Friday. Your generosity means we will be donating the following to our chosen Advent charities:

British Heart Foundation	£201.60
Cancer Research	£214.00
Mind	£100.50
Macmillan Cancer Support	£166.50
NSPCC	£153.00
Birmingham Children's Hospital	£186.48

Your spirit of giving has also been overwhelming in the contributions to the Sixth Form Homeless Appeal. The items you have given will be packed up and delivered to the homeless by our Sixth Formers on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

A reminder that this coming Friday we will be taking part in the national Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. Everyone is encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper and donate accordingly to this good cause. ParentPay is once again open for donations or students can make cash donations on the day.

Many thanks as always for your support in all we are trying to do.

With every good wish

Yours sincerely



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