



**HAGLEY CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**
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Wednesday, 11 August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer of new Year 7 students

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for Students on their return to school in September

I do hope you and all your family are having a lovely summer break and have managed to get away and stay free from the effects of COVID 19.

The start of term is swiftly approaching and your child's first day at Hagley will soon be here so I wanted to write to reiterate some of the plans for September but also update you about the voluntary in school testing we will be running, as part of the national return to school plans, and how you can provide consent.

The new school year starts on Monday 6th September 2021 for Year 7, and students should be on school site by 8.55am and on arrival should head to the canopy area at the rear of the school, staff will be available to direct students. Parents/carers are not allowed to accompany their child to this area of school.

Students arriving by train or bus will also be greeted by staff and pointed in the right direction.

Myself, Mr Miastowski (Assistant Principal) and Mrs O'Loughlin (Head of Year 7) will meet with the whole year group during the morning to welcome and introduce them to life at Hagley.

On all students first day back in school we will be operating our Asymptomatic Test Site in the school gym as we did so successfully back in March. All students are encouraged to take a Lateral Flow Device test (Orient Gene Device) in order to allow students and staff to remain in school safely. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.

We will be testing all consenting students who want to participate twice over the course of the first 6 days of term, and there is some details of how tests are taken at the end of this letter.

If you are happy for your child to be tested, please fill in the online consent form (one per student) via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/A9nxwhvDXg>

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow device' tests are quick and easy using a swab of the nose only. For under 18s, staff can oversee the swab process.

Results (which take around 15 minutes from testing) will be shared directly with parents or legal guardians.

More guidance and details will be available on our website by the start of term, and should any further guidance be received from the Department of Education or the NHS we will be sure to let you know.

If you have any queries reception is open daily during the holidays from 9am to 3.30pm and can be contacted at reception@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk or on 01562 883193.

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Key information and questions:

What if a student tests positive?

Participating students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

Students will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible). Hagley Catholic High School will be able to provide these PCR test kits to perform at home, or you can go to www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119 to book a follow-up test. If ordering a PCR test yourselves, they should choose to visit a drive-through test site if possible, as it is faster than requesting a home test.

During this time while they wait for the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result you will have to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

They will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. A student will only be told if they test positive on a 'lateral flow' test, so if you do not hear you can assume it was negative. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or 0300 303 2713 (Scotland) or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing

Yours sincerely



Mr J Hodgson
Principal