



26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Return to school Year 12

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your daughter back to school.

Year 12 Covid Testing arrangements

Year 12 will be tested on Tuesday 2nd March and Friday 5th March. Students will be tested and once the result is recorded students will return home. The time for your daughter to arrive is below.

Form	Arrival Time	Leave Time
Angela	8.00am	9.45am
Bernadette	8:30am	10.15am
Catherine	9:00am	11.15am
Elizabeth	10.30am	11.45am
Francis	11.15am	12.45pm
Margaret	12.45pm	2.15pm
Teresa	1.30pm	3.15pm
Ursula	2.15pm	3.45pm

Students will arrive via the Dorothy Kazel entrance and will be shown to the Ursuline Sixth Form Centre where they will wait to be tested in the Sports Hall. If your daughter tests positive we will call you to come and collect her. Students will need to be in school dress code and bring a drink and a book to read while they wait for their test and result. Masks will be worn at school where social distancing is not possible. This will temporarily include classrooms until Easter. This is following Government recommendations. I recognise not all parents will be in agreement and I recognise the disadvantages. On balance however I am mindful of the well-being of all students and especially of those students with underlying health issues. The [Face coverings in education](#) document states - "The World Health Organisation published a statement on 21 August about children and face coverings. They now advise that "children aged 12 and over should wear a mask under the same conditions as adults, in particular when they cannot guarantee at least a 1-metre distance from others and there is widespread transmission in the area." This links to the WHO resources for children and face masks at <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-children-and-masks-related-to-covid-19> Please email your Ms Hollis at Miriam.Hollis@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk if you have a personal concern about your daughter wearing a face mask.

Students will be tested three times in all. The third test will take place in school time on Tuesday 9th March. Thereafter students will be given the tests to complete at home twice weekly.

Year 12 will be registered at our testing centre and students will receive notification of the result via a text on their mobile phone.

Year 12 will return to school on Monday 8th March at the normal time. Students will have time to reconnect with their tutor and routines and there will be no homework during their first week.

If you have not consented to testing then your daughter will return to school at the same time as the whole cohort on Monday 8th March.

There will be no on-line lessons for students on testing day.

Travel to and from school must follow Government guidelines. Could we ask you to remind your daughters re the social distancing and the use of masks on public transport.

Gavin Williamson has written an open letter to parents/carers. Here is the link:

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/23/an-open-letter-from-education-secretary-gavin-williamson-to-parents-carers-and-guardians/>

If you have any worries or concerns please contact your daughter's tutor so we can give support.

Thank you for your on-going support of online learning.

With every best wish

Yours faithfully

Julia Waters

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