



26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Return to school Year 7

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

Year 7 Covid Testing arrangements

Year 7 will be tested on Wednesday 10th March.

Form	Arrival Time	Leave Time
Angela	8.00am	9.45am
Bernadette	8:45am	10.30am
Catherine	9:15am	11.00am
Francis	10.30am	12.15pm
Margaret	11.10am	12.45pm
Teresa	12.45pm	2.30pm
Ursula	1.30pm	3.15pm

Students will arrive via Crescent Road and will be shown to the Ursuline Sixth form Centre where they will wait to be tested in the Sports Hall. Once tested your daughter will return home. Students will need to be in full school uniform, with water and a book to read while waiting to be tested or for her result. If the Lateral Flow test is positive, we will contact you to come to the school and pick up your daughter.

Year 7 will then return to school as normal on Thursday 11th March at 8:15am.

Your daughter will receive her second Lateral Flow test on Monday 15th March and her third Lateral Flow test on Friday 19th March. If you have not consented to testing, then your daughter will return to as normal on Thursday 11th March.

Year 7 will be registered at the test centre and you will receive notification on your mobile phone of the result of the test. Masks must be worn in communal areas and we are recommending all students wear masks in class for the well-being of all until Easter. I recognise there are disadvantages but on balance I need to make a decision, mindful of Government guidance and scientific research. 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>

I understand not all parents/carers will agree and I ask you to email Mrs Jefferies of your position at victoria.jefferies@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Consent for testing has been recorded, so we will not test where no consent has been given.

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 regarding 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 ongoing support of online learning.

With every best wish

Yours faithfully

Julia Waters

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Headteacher

