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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see all our young people back in school this week. They have shown maturity and resilience on their return to face to face lessons and testing. We have administered nearly 1700 lateral flow tests this week with another 6 school days of testing to go!

When pupils have had 3 tests in school, we will be giving them a pack of tests to administer at home. Further detail about this will be sent out at a later date.

Covid-19 home testing kits for households of school children

Covid-19 home testing kits are now available for households of schoolchildren and members of support and childcare bubbles. These can be ordered direct online and for collection locally. Please see [Schools and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits](#) for more details.

Rapid asymptomatic Covid-19 testing for families at testing centres

Anyone living or working in Solihull who doesn't have Covid-19 symptoms can now access regular, rapid Covid-19 tests at two community testing centres (North Solihull Sports Centre and Tudor Grange Leisure Centre). The centres use self-administered swab tests and anyone aged 2-11 years old must have the test completed by a parent/carer. Those between 12 and 18 years old will require supervision from a parent/carer. Results are received via SMS message within the hour.

Both sites are open seven days a week: Monday to Friday 8am-5.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-1.30pm and tests must be booked [online](#). People can phone 0121 704 6918 if they are unable to access the website or have testing queries.

If someone develops symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss or change in sense of smell or taste) they need to book a test via the national [website](#) or by calling 119.

Remember you must not have any symptoms of COVID-19 to use the council's community testing centres.

Uniform

While it has been really good to see pupils return this week, the standard of uniform has fallen short of our high expectations. We appreciate that it is more difficult to make purchases at the moment but would be grateful if families could try to ensure that pupils attend school in correct uniform. A reminder that



jewellery, including any piercings, are not permitted to be worn at all. Parental support to ensure that pupils are wearing black school shoes, school grey trousers or the a-line school skirt, and a blazer would also be appreciated.

Attendance

School is now open for all year groups and we hope and pray this remain the case. Full attendance is expected for all pupils. Should your child be absent from school due to illness please inform us by calling the absence line or using the parent portal before 8.30am. Please make it clear if the absence is related to Covid-19, whether that be symptomatic or having to self-isolate because a member of the household has tested positive for the virus.

Face coverings

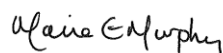
We have worked hard this week to remind the whole community about face coverings. Our school policy is that all pupils need to wear an appropriate face covering when they are indoors and social distancing cannot be achieved, unless they are eating or drinking.

#WeAreThinkingOfYou guides for parents/carers and professionals

We have updated the guides that first went out in the summer term. There are two separate documents which aim to gather together the support available for **parents and carers** and **professionals** within Solihull and beyond as they return to school this week.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to revel in the infinite mercy of God. The video to accompany this can be found here <https://clicktopray.org/>

Yours faithfully,



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