

31 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Ref: School reopening in January 2021

Firstly, I hope you had a good Christmas. I am writing with an update to the start of term, now we have received further guidance from the government, detailing school closure and information in order to set up the rapid testing programme for Covid-19.

### School Closure

All Saints will be closed to all year groups from **Monday 4 January**. Pupils should remain at home and will receive details on work to complete on Monday, from Tuesday 5 January. Whilst your child[ren] awaits the work to complete from their teachers, please encourage them to complete their Knowledge Organiser work from the Autumn Term.

It is anticipated that pupils in year 11 will return on **Monday 11 January**. Pupils in years 7-10 will return on **Monday 18 January**. I will write to you again to confirm these arrangements. **Those year 11 students scheduled to take the maths number and measure exam next week will now take this at a later date. All exams scheduled to take place from Monday 11 January will go ahead as planned.** Details of exam revision classes next week for these will be announced shortly.

**If you require childcare (educare) due to being a critical worker** (List of critical workers here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> **then please fill in this form:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmK4v00UqdlpvYNIMnNaYdQahu-Sw413CChsYDtPTJ8qcgPA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmK4v00UqdlpvYNIMnNaYdQahu-Sw413CChsYDtPTJ8qcgPA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Please ensure the form is completed by Saturday 2 January 12pm. We will then email you confirming whether your child has a place by Sunday 3 January. We can only accept pupils from Monday 4 January if you qualify and have filled in the form. **Please do not send your child to school if you do not qualify or have not filled in the form.** Please complete a separate form for each child (e.g. if you have two children who attend All Saints Academy, you must complete the form twice).

### Food parcels

If your child[ren] are eligible for Free School Meals, then you can get a food parcel from school for the week. If you would like this, then please email [kplant@asap.org.uk](mailto:kplant@asap.org.uk) to request this. You will be given a time slot to come and collect this from the school canteen.

## Rapid Testing

At All Saints, we will be providing the opportunity for pupils and staff to receive a rapid 'lateral flow' test for Covid-19 as soon as possible. **These tests are optional and should you wish your child[ren] to be tested, you will need to read the information on our website and submit a consent form. Please view this information here: <https://www.asap.org.uk/covid-information/>**

We anticipate that these will be available by **Monday 11 January**. The aim of these tests is to test individuals for Covid-19 and provide a rapid result within 30 minutes. If the test is negative there is no further action required. If the test is positive, the individual is asked to self-isolate and take a 'lab based' test at a test centre to confirm the result. You can book these online on the government website. We will inform you if the test is positive and advise on next steps. We will also conduct contact tracing and advise other individuals if they have been in contact with an infected individual. These individuals can continue to attend All Saints, provided they take a daily rapid test at school and test negative. This would continue for 10 days (contacts of infected pupils do not need to get tested on Saturdays and Sundays during the 10 days, but will need to self-isolate for these days). If an individual does not consent to a test, then they would need to self isolate from the last point of contact with the infected individual.

Yours sincerely,

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