



The Newman Catholic Collegiate

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

"Lord be thy word my rule."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you have seen in the press that the Government has taken the decision to reduce the restrictions further from today (Thursday 27th January). As you know we have had some increased restrictions in school since before Christmas.

Following the government advice and looking at the number of cases in school we have decided to remove the contingency arrangements in school. This will mean that parents will be welcomed back into school for assemblies etc from next week. We will also be returning to gathering together as a school community including eating lunch in the dining room together. Staff will no longer be asked to wear face coverings around school and we will not be asking you to do so.

It remains essential if your child is displaying any of the typical covid symptoms;

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

you do NOT bring them to school and book them a **PCR test**. They must isolate until the result is known. In addition, if your child is identified as a close contact they **MUST** complete daily testing for 7 days. If these results are negative you may continue to attend school. As has always been the case we will inform you if someone in the class has tested positive and ask that your child has daily testing.

As always, this will be under constant review and if we see a rise in cases we will consult with PHE and may be asked to reintroduce contingency measures. Due to St. John's being a split site, this may mean that if cases rise at one site we may reintroduce measures there but not at the other site. We will keep you fully updated of any changes.

I should like to thank you all for your support and hope you will join our prayers that we are on the right path towards returning to normality.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rigby
Principal
