



15th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: National Lockdown Week 9 Update

It was fantastic to welcome all of our children back to St James', there was a real "buzz" in school last week and our children were all studious and switched on. All students who had consent were tested and I am pleased to say that all came back negative for Covid-19. The students were so mature throughout the staggered return and their conduct was exemplary. The standards we set for attendance, punctuality and uniform are high at our school and I know that the vast majority of you as parents appreciate this. The students certainly lived our third value of excellence in their attendance, punctuality and uniform last week so my sincere thanks to you as parents for your support in making this happen.

This week we move on to test number two and test number three as per the schedule below. As with last week please do be aware, if your child tests positive you will be contacted to collect them, and they will need to isolate along with any close contacts. Having spoken to a number of my Headteacher colleagues from around the North West it is almost inevitable that we will have to send groups of children home to isolate in the not-too-distant future. I thank you in advance for your support and I can assure you that any students needing to isolate will be able to access live Zoom lessons.

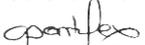
Day	Date	8am – 9am	10am – 11am
Monday	15 th March	Year 11	Year 10
Tuesday	16 th March	Year 9	Year 8
Wednesday	17 th March	Year 7	
Thursday	18 th March	Year 11	Year 10
Friday	19 th March	Year 9	Year 8
Monday	22 nd March	Year 7	

All children should be on site for 8.30am but a reminder that the testing site is open from 8am meaning the students can minimise their time away from learning if they are tested before Form time (8.45am). As always if you have any questions regarding testing please do not hesitate to contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Doherty, j.doherty@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

This Sunday marks the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which means that we are already more than halfway through this time of preparation for the coming of Holy Week and Easter. As with Gaudete Sunday in the Advent season, Laetare Sunday and the rose vestments used today mark the more joyful focus of Lent, a departure from the more sombre and penitential nature of the rest of the Lenten season. As it was Laetare Sunday yesterday, let us celebrate the joy of having the whole St James' family back at our school site.

Have a great week and if you need us you know where we are headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully


Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher