

Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you in our first newsletter of this new academic year. I would like to begin by congratulating every member of the Notre Dame community on the positivity and vigilance with which they have approached the start of the year.

We have enjoyed an orderly and safe first week. This is down to the boundless work of staff, the students' adherence to these new measures and ways of working, and your support as parents and carers. Students have arrived to school, well-presented, equipped and ready to learn.

In further preparation for the year ahead, Liverpool City Council have shared information on further access to COVID-19 testing for students and their families. Details on this are included in this newsletter and the letter sent to parents at the end of this week.

Please be assured that school leaders and governors will continue to review our safety measures and continue to review national and regional guidance on a daily basis, keeping up to date with the very latest recommendations and expectations.

Wishing all Notre Dame families a restful and well-deserved weekend.

Mr Duffy



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COVID-19 TESTS AT HUNTER STREET FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Please be aware that Liverpool City Council have a COVID-19 testing site available for students to use if they develop the 3 main covid symptoms. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

It is highly recommended that you “refresh” the page to ensure you see availability for testing at a **LOCAL** centre

Please note that this is only available for symptomatic individuals with the 3 main 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

If you need to order a home test for delivery please call 119

Individuals should try and access the national testing in the first instance.

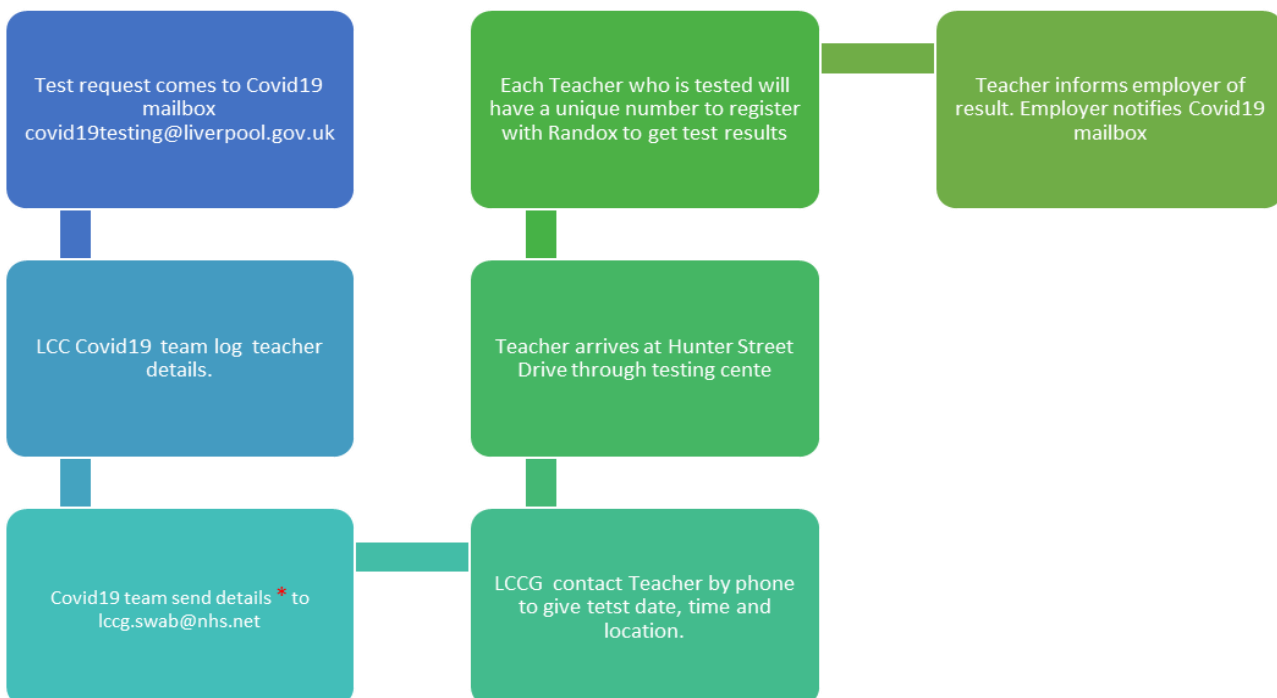
If this isn't available the school testing kit should be used.

If the above 2 aren't available then Hunter St can be accessed.

Please see attached information showing the process for parents to access the testing site. This is different to the national testing process.

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Name
Address including postcode
Contact number
Car details
School
Date symptoms began





Dear Parent/Guardian,

Anti-Social Behaviour – Putting the Community First.

I would like to make you aware of a rise in incidents of anti-social behaviour in North Liverpool.

We have received complaints from the public regarding anti-social behaviour caused by youths on Walker's Playing Fields which is on Eaton Road, West Derby, Jennifer Avenue in Kirkdale and Rice Lane, Walton.

These incidents have included damage being caused, people being intimidated (including some who are elderly and vulnerable), wheelie bins being set on fire and people being injured after objects were thrown at them. Some of these incidents amount to criminal offences and will be treated as such.

Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service are working closely with schools in the area to monitor and appropriately tackle these issues.

I would like to point out that people who set fire to wheelie bin fires not only commit a criminal offences, but they may also be putting peoples safety at risk and are also a drain on council budgets and emergency service resources. Not only do such fires cause inconvenience for people, there is a charge by the council of £20 to replace them.

What you can do to help.....

- Make young people aware of the dangers of this type of behaviour and the impact it has on our local communities and their future.
- If you are responsible for a young person, ensure you know where they are and what they're doing whilst out.
- Keep wheelie bins locked away and out of sight. Remember that bins should also be away from property, particularly doorways and windows.
- Talk to us. If you have any information on these issues and you wish to pass on this information, you can do so anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or on Merseyside Police social media platforms.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter, Merseyside Police/

Merseyside Fire and Rescue

