

Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2020

Headteacher's Message

This Week

This week, we enjoyed our second full week of this 'new norm'. Again staff and students have worked tirelessly to ensure all measures are adhered to in the spirit of safety, care and consideration for one another. As stated in last week's newsletter, school leaders continue to review measures and check the latest national and regional guidance on a daily basis. On this note, we would like to thank parents for their support in responding to the local Public Health team's request for social distancing and the use of face masks when collecting children from school.

Lines of Communication

As you will be aware, our college are now one of a decreasing number of Liverpool school's that have not yet needed to send a large pupil group or Year group home due to coronavirus. This is testament to the vigilance of the entire Notre Dame community. Please be assured that we are applying the same thresholds as other schools and the local/national guidance on making these decisions. With this in mind, it has never been more important that school hold accurate, up to date and reliable contact details for all students. This will allow for swift and comprehension communications with all affected families in the event of sending a group of students home. To clarify, we would not be able to send a student home under such circumstances without making direct contact with home. If you suspect that school may NOT have your latest telephone number, email address or postal address, please contact ao@notredame.liverpool.sch.uk as a matter of priority.

Home Learning via Class Charts

We felt it timely to remind parents and carers that Class Charts continues to be the platform through which homework is set by the college. It will also be the platform through which classwork will be set and distributed for any student or group of students who are self-isolating. Teachers will clearly label work to indicate if it is regular homework to be completed by all, or if it is classwork which is only to be complete by students who are absent or self-isolating. We therefore ask that all parents check that they and their child are able to access Class Charts and have downloaded the app. Further details on how to do so are included in this week's newsletter. For further support with this, please contact Mr Dixon.

On a personal note, I would like to thank parents and carers for the welcome and messages of support I have received since my arrival. I wish the entire Notre Dame Family an enjoyable, restful and socially-distanced weekend.

Mr Duffy



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IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

Face Coverings for Staff and Students

Following the government's announcement of local restrictions being placed on Merseyside, please be aware that with effect from Tuesday 22nd September face coverings should be worn by staff and students when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

It will not be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower, and they may inhibit teaching and learning.

Please can parents/carers ensure that their child bring a face covering into school from Tuesday 22nd September onwards

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.

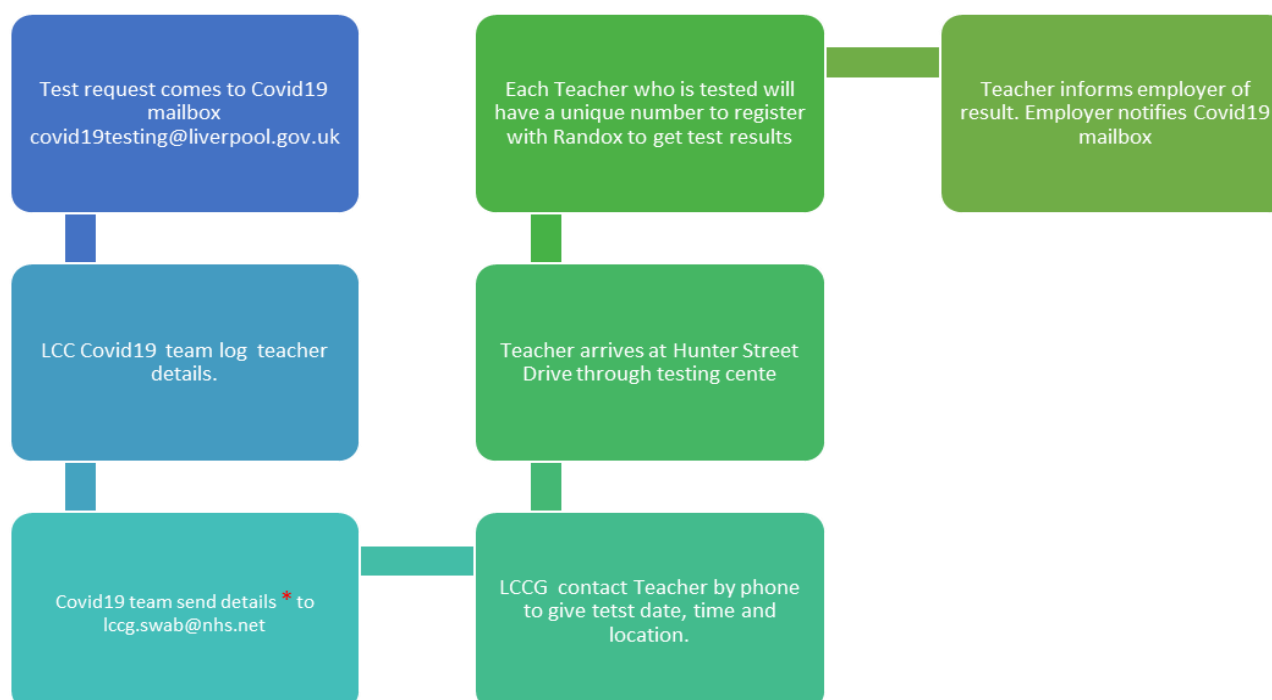
If this isn't available the school testing kit should be used.

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







COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	...when child's test comes back negative and child is well enough
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
 ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: ¹

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

For further information:

gmhscp.contacttracing@nhs.net

gov.uk/backtoschool

SAFEGUARDING

Notre Dame Catholic College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people; we expect all pupils, staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.



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Mrs S Doran
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Miss R Glorman
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Childline www.childline.org.uk

Childline is available to you if you have concerns about:-

- Bullying
- Abuse (physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, neglect)
- Your body and self esteem
- Your feelings
- Friendships
- Sexual Advice
- Home life and families
- School

You can ring them on **0800 1111** or message them online here

<https://www.childline.org.uk/registration/>

There are lots of resources available to download and read on:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice>

ATTENDANCE

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2020-2021**



**Winning Form
Classes**

Year 7: **7D**

Year 9: **9MA**

Year 8: **8T**

Year 10: **10T**

**YEAR
7
WINNERS!!**

Year 11: **11D**

Week commencing 14th September 2020



Theme of the week: Education



Our school Mission Statement: Do small things with great love

Thought of the week
If you are not willing to
learn, no one can help you.
If you are determined to
learn no one can stop you.
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