

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Covid 19 from September 2021

As you may know, the Prime Minister announced changes to how Covid 19 is managed in Education settings from 16th August 2021. Despite being able to get back to some 'normalisation', the dangers of Covid have not gone away but we are hoping that we will not see a repeat of last year when we had to send many children home to self-isolate. The following This letter outlines how we are meeting the new regulations and updating our processes, risk assessments and expectations to keep all at St Anne's safe.

- If your child develops symptoms of Covid, they must isolate and you should arrange a PCR test via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-by-calling-119>. The main symptoms are well known now: high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to sense of smell or taste. If the test is positive your child must self-isolate for 10 days. Please inform us if it is a positive test result.
- If there is a confirmed case of Covid at school, close contacts are no longer required to self-isolate and can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms. We are not able to share information regarding positive cases with students or parents – contact tracing is now done exclusively by NHS test and trace.
- Upon return to school all pupils (with parental consent) will have two supervised onsite lateral flow tests. Thereafter, all pupils will be provided with home testing kits and should perform regular tests at home. The timetable for this is as follows:

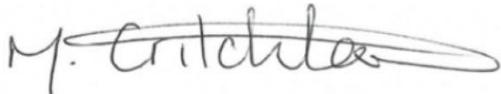
Year	Date of first test	Return to school	Date of second test (during school day)
7	1/9/21 (AM)	2/9/21	6/9/21
8	1/9/21 (AM)	3/9/21	7/9/21
9	2/9/21 (AM)	3/9/21	8/9/21
10	2/9/21 (PM)	3/9/21	8/9/21
11	1/9/21 (PM)	2/9/21	6/9/21

- Week beginning 13th September 2021: **Home testing: we recommend Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings for home testing.**

- Students should come into school on Wednesday 1st Sept and Thursday 2nd September for testing wearing their own clothes and make their way to the staff room. The testing process takes 20 mins approx.

We recognise how difficult the past 18 months have been and the sacrifices that all of our pupils and families have had to make. This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for everything you have done. Here's hoping for a more positive year ahead for all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Critchlow', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Critchlow
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