



BISHOP HEDLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. How wonderful it has been walking around school listening to the hustle and bustle of a busy school – it is fantastic having everyone back in.

Arrangements to manage Covid Spread

- You will be aware of the requirement for pupils and staff to wear masks in class and around the school – other than when they are eating. We are so impressed with the maturity and responsibility that everyone is showing towards this.
- Lateral Flow Testing for Years 10 & 11 is currently being done twice weekly at home (Monday and Thursday morning), if any top up kits are required, please ask pupils to collect them from Form tutors. We have been informed by Welsh Government that we can offer these kits to pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 now. If you would like to receive testing kits for pupils to do at home please indicate by clicking on this link. <https://forms.gle/4W5nK6hp7XxJxTy29> Tests will then be given to children to bring home – full instructions are contained within the box. Results need to be logged via the Government portal. As always if the result of any of these tests is positive, please inform us and book a PCR test with your local testing centre.

Parent pay

Due to Covid restrictions we are still unable to collect any monies therefore if any trips/hoodies etc require payment, please do this via ParentPay. In the same way, please ensure that ParentPay is topped up with credit to allow your child to pre book lunch daily. If there are issues, please contact the office.

Uniform & Equipment

We have given pupils a little leniency with uniform on their return to school but as usual, we expect the highest standards in everything, including uniform. Please ensure that pupils are in full school uniform each day, if you are unsure whether an item is acceptable, click on this link which will take you to our Uniform Policy. <https://bishophedley.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Uniform-Policy-2020-21.pdf>

A number of staff have noticed that many pupils are arriving at school with no equipment. Due to Covid restrictions, we are limited in what we can loan pupils. Please ensure that your son/daughter has the correct equipment daily to enable them to take part fully in lessons.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Hopkins
Headteacher