



ST. HILD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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At St. Hild's Church of England School we aim to provide all of our pupils with a world class education in a Christian context.
We expect to find God at work in our school.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

24th August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are having a wonderful summer and have managed to have some quality time with family and friends. As we say goodbye to our Graduates of 2021 who achieved some amazing results, we look forward to the new academic year with great excitement that it will bring more of a sense of normality.

Whilst there is still a need to ensure appropriate measures are taken to reduce any spread of coronavirus, there is no longer the requirement to have pupils in bubbles therefore **all pupils must be on site and lined up in their tutor classes by 8:45am each day**. We will still operate a slightly staggered end to the day to help facilitate an orderly exit from the building.

There is a requirement that all schools test pupils twice on their return to school with the LFD test, where consent has been given. To facilitate this there will be a staggered start to the term; the table below shows the schedule for the testing and return to school.

Year	Return to school	LFD test 1	LFD test 2
7&8	Tuesday 7 th September <i>(plus Y11 Prefects supporting Years 7 & 8)</i>	Tuesday 7 th September <i>(plus Y11 Prefects supporting Years 7 & 8)</i>	Friday 10 th September <i>(plus Y11 Prefects supporting Years 7 & 8)</i>
9&10	Wednesday 8 th September	Wednesday 8 th September	Monday 13 th September
11	Wednesday 8 th September <i>(with the exception of the Prefects who supported Years 7 & 8)</i>	Wednesday 8 th September <i>(with the exception of the Prefects who supported Years 7 & 8)</i>	Monday 13 th September <i>(with the exception of the Prefects who supported Years 7 & 8)</i>

Test kits will then be provided so that pupils can continue to test themselves twice weekly at home. Test results should be recorded on the NHS website and reported to school via the link emailed to you last term. We ask that parents and carers support us in ensuring that your child continues to take their LFD test at home twice weekly, 3 to 5 days apart.

If your child tests positive on the LFD test, or displays symptoms of Covid-19 whilst in school, we will contact you to collect them immediately and ask that you take your child home to take a PCR test. **It is therefore imperative that we have up to date home contact numbers so please contact the Main Office if you need to check or update your contact details.**

Updated government guidance states:

"From Monday 16 August unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.



"I have come that they may have life in all its fullness." - John 10:10



Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so individuals can attend their setting as usual.

Children and young people who attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend their setting as normal.”

If the school receives notification of a positive PCR or LFD test we will continue to look at close contact and will get in touch with parents and carers where there is a need for their child to obtain a PCR test.

Pupils must return to school in full and appropriate school uniform. Our Uniform Policy, which can be found on our website at www.sthilds.org.uk, will be strictly enforced so please do not be persuaded by your child to deviate from what is acceptable. We have taken the decision to continue to provide your child with all of the equipment needed for learning.

I would like to remind parents and carers that staff have provided on-line learning for your child over the summer holidays via TEAMS to help them prepare for moving up to the next academic year. Your child’s teachers will be assessing this work in September and making use of it in lessons. If your child has not yet engaged with these tasks we ask that you encourage them to do so in order that your child does not fall behind their peers. There is technical support available over the holiday period if needed by contacting the school or emailing using itsupport@sthilds.hartlepool.sch.uk

Following feedback from our pupils and parents and carers, I am delighted to inform you that North Yorkshire will be providing our school meals service from September. The quality of this service can be seen on their website <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-meals>. We will be moving back to the biometric cashless system.

Please continue to check our website, Twitter and SchoolCal for any updates. If you have any queries which are not addressed by this letter or the information on our website, please do not hesitate to contact us via the Main School Office and we will do our best to help.

Enjoy the rest of your holiday.

Yours faithfully



T Gibson
Headteacher