



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. It is my absolute delight to formally welcome you and your child into the St. Hild's family; I look forward to us working together for the next 5 years of their secondary education. Working in close partnership is essential to ensure your child gets the best out of their time with us, and 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.

Transition into a new school can be a worrying time, but rest assured our Prefects and highly skilled staff will support your child to settle quickly into life at St. Hild's. Hopefully your child was able to attend our Summer School where they will have met old and new friends, and gained some insight into how we operate and what we have to offer.

There is a requirement that all schools test pupils twice on their return to school with the LFD test, therefore **we ask that you complete the enclosed consent form and return to school by 7th September 2021.**

To facilitate the testing there will be a staggered start to the term; the table below shows the schedule for the testing and return to school. **Pupils must be on site and lined up in their tutor classes by 8:45am each day.** Staff will be available each day to support.

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 a link which will be emailed to you. 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.



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



Updated government guidance states:

“From Monday 16th 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.

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 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.

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.

It is imperative that we have up to date email addresses and home contact numbers so please ensure you have returned the Data Form sent out to you previously. If you need a replacement or need help completing this form, please contact the Main Office.

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.

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 and social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) 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 and I am very much looking forward to seeing our new Year 7s on the 7th September.

Yours faithfully



T Gibson
Headteacher