



12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to provide an update on re-opening arrangements at the end of our first week back at school together.

It has been an absolute joy to have the students back in school and, as you would expect, they have responded to all that has been asked of them with maturity, positivity and good will – they have been an absolute credit to themselves, their families and the school community.

Thank you for all you have done to ensure your children have returned to school meeting our expected uniform standards and also for the incredibly positive response to our on-site testing provision and the wearing of face coverings in recommended areas.

Understandably, there have been a number of questions regarding on-site and home testing and we have looked to respond to each query individually. Mrs MacCready has written to all parents and carers with an update today, which is attached to this email. If there are any further questions then please do contact us at school via the usual channels of communication.

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend our recent Parent Focus Meeting and for offering your positive feedback and next step considerations regarding our remote learning provision. The views expressed through this forum and our most recent survey were overwhelmingly positive and we looked to respond to as many suggestions as possible. Our 'Make Your Mark' Mission Day was one such response, and it was fantastic to see so many students engaging so positively with the many activities on offer throughout the day - all anchored to our termly Gospel Values of dignity and compassion with a focus on student welfare and wellbeing. We have created a video containing some of the wonderful and creative responses from our students [here](#) for you to watch.

For your information, we will be beginning our after school extra-curricular provision from Monday 22nd March and Homework Club will be available for students to access from this date. Further details will be provided to students via their Form Teachers and will be posted on our school website. We will also be providing further information to Year 11 and Year 13 families next week on our planned response to the recent examinations consultation.



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Thank you for all you have done at home to facilitate a smooth return to school this week and for the ongoing support you continue to offer the St Nicholas community.

Yours sincerely

Richard Woods
Headteacher

