



# Cardinal Langley RC High School

*'An Outstanding Catholic School'* S48, March 2017

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Dear Parent / Carer

I have put a summary of the latest guidance for schools below:

*On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, the Prime Minister announced the implementation of [Plan B of the COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan](#), to reduce pressure on the NHS. Plan B sets out a number of additional measures across society to control transmission of COVID-19.*

*The Government is clear on the critical importance of not disrupting the education of children and young people and the Government will prioritise keeping all education and childcare settings open. The measures set out below will support this.*

## **Attendance**

*School attendance remains mandatory and all the usual rules continue to apply. Enabling children and young people to attend their education setting regularly continues to be a national priority.*

## **Face coverings**

*Face coverings should be worn by pupils and students in Year 7 and above, staff and visitors in communal areas, unless exempt. This is a temporary measure. Pupils and students in Year 7 and above in these settings must also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and should wear it on dedicated transport to and from school.*

## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

*Schools should continue to offer their usual before and after-school activities. These activities promote the wellbeing of children and young people.*

## **Testing**

*We strongly encourage all those involved in education and childcare settings to continue regular testing (LFD not PCR) and reporting their results, and to encourage pupils and students in year 7 and above to test and report their results.*

*Settings are strongly encouraged to ask parents, guardians and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the setting.*

## **Isolation**

*All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will continue to be required to self-isolate and asked to book a PCR test.*

*The Government plans to introduce Daily Contact Testing as soon as possible as an alternative to self-isolation for contacts of positive Omicron cases who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months.*





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## January return

*We have recently asked all secondary schools to provide an on-site test for pupils on return in January. Testing in school helps to boost participation and will help reduce transmission after a period of mixing over the holidays.*

*There are exams for vocational and technical qualifications timetabled for January. Students who are due to sit these exams will be prepared and it is right that they should be given every opportunity to demonstrate what they have learnt. Exams and formal assessments will go ahead. Consequently, it is essential that students continue to prepare for these assessments.*

*For those in settings closing over Christmas, all staff and students should test over the holidays in line with national guidance. This means that they should test if they will be in a high-risk situation that day and before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they get COVID-19.*

## Entrances

Starting on Monday we will revert back to using the side gate as well as the main entrance at the start and end of the day. In the morning, Years 7 & 8 will use the side gate and enter through the door near G7 & G8 while Years 9 – 13 will continue to use the main entrance. At the end of the day, students in science, technology, ICT, MFL & creative arts should be directed around the outside of the building and exit through the side gate while other classes will continue to use the main entrance.

Your support is greatly appreciated

**Mr A Bridson**  
Headteacher

