



Diocese of St. Albans



ST MARY'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL

24th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 update

I want to update you on the latest information on Covid-19, affecting our work as a school.

- Letter from Jim McManus, the Director of Public Health for Hertfordshire
- Please see the letter sent is from Jim McManus on our website ([here](#)). There is a lot of useful information in there about local and national Covid-19 strategies in education and other areas of our lives.

- NHS Test and Trace COVID-19 app – resources for parents/carers and young people
- I received a link to information about this app from the Department for Education yesterday. Can I encourage you to follow the link ([here](#)) and read the detail about it.

- Face Coverings
- Please remember that the correct wearing of a face covering is obligatory in public areas in school (corridors, sixth form common room, sports hall for collective worship and dining room/main hall whilst not eating) from Monday. Please ensure your child has one (if they do not bring one they will be need to buy one from us for £1; we will support any student on Free School Meals by giving them a face mask if they forget their own one, but this should not be a regular occurrence for any student).
- As I stated in my previous letter, the Government has made exemptions for some people from wearing face coverings on the grounds of age, health or disability. We fully support this and will be issuing those students with cards. Please notify us on admin@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk if your child falls into this category.

- One way system
- The vast majority of students are being very supportive of this, thank you.
- A number of students are not only grumbling about having to walk a slightly longer way round but are also deliberately ignoring it. Please discuss this with your son/daughter: we should not have to (and do not **want** to have to) sanction for this because students should understand we are doing it for everyone's safety.

I thank you for your on-gong support. It has been a joy to have the students back and the routines are going well. A few gentle reminders to students from you, their parents/carers about the importance of following these to protect all of us in our community would be appreciated.

I wish you and your families a happy, safe and healthy weekend.

Yours faithfully

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