

All Saints Catholic College

A Voluntary Academy

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7th June 2021

Dear Parents

Firstly, may I apologise for not being able to give a much fuller explanation as to why we have had to return to wearing masks. From Monday 7th June, face coverings will be required for pupils and staff as they enter school buildings, in classrooms and communal areas in school

Schools are being advised by Tameside Public Health that there is a rise in COVID-19 transmission rate in the local community, due largely to the 'Delta' Variant of Concern (previously referred to as the variant first detected in India). Public Health Tameside recommended the move on Friday and collectively, as secondary heads, we determined that this may be a wise move in light of the rising number of cases from the Delta Variant. Following a recommendation to all secondary headteachers, face coverings are to be re-introduced

Sadly, I was only able to send a text and apologise for not giving you the fuller picture.

Like many of you, I watch the data regarding the rising number of cases across Greater Manchester daily, and whilst Tameside has the lowest number of cases the data does show a significant rise.

I'm sure all of you will agree that we do not want to return to sending groups of pupils home to self-isolate. The measures we have continued to have in place (hand cleaning, and bubbles, the regular testing and the wearing of masks both in periods of transition and back to wearing them in class) should avoid that, and please be assured I appreciate your support in keeping the All Saints family safe.

Please also be assured that we will review the measures in place regularly, and will keep you informed.

In the meantime, please make sure you:

- ensure your child arrives at school with a mask/face covering
- your child tests every Wednesday and Sunday (and let us know if your child tests positive)
- let us know if there is a positive case in your home (and follow self-isolation guidance)
- do not send your child to school if they have any of the Covid symptoms (fever, new continuous cough, or loss of sense of smell or taste)

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support

Yours sincerely

A Diamond
Headteacher