

**TRINITY**  
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Our Ref: LDW/FIH

7th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of term I would like to express my thanks to the pupils and their families for their support this term. This term has demonstrated that our school community can and is flourishing in delivering our Catholic vision and values. Our pupils and staff have worked extremely hard and that is most definitely paying off in all areas of school life.

### **Advent and Christmas Celebrations**

We have worked hard to ensure that this year we have brought back some of the festive cheer we were unable to have last year. Over the next week the following events will be taking place:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When/Where</b>
<b>CAUSE Hamper Assembly</b>	Year 7 and representatives from all year groups	Wednesday 8th December Main Hall
<b>Advent liturgy</b>	Pupils and staff	Thursday 9th December Period 3 in tutor groups
<b>Christmas liturgy performance</b>	Performed by pupils and the music/drama department. Parents and carers invited	Thursday 9th December New dining hall 6.15-7.30pm
<b>Christmas lunch</b>	Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10 Year 11	Thursday 9th December Friday 10th December Monday 13th December Monday 13th December Tuesday 14th December
<b>Christmas Jumpers</b>	All pupils and staff	Thursday 15th December

### **End of term arrangements**

Please note that we will be finishing the school term **Thursday 16th December 2021 at 12.30pm**. We have arranged for all buses to arrive at school early so that pupils are able to get home safely. If your child is unable to leave school safely at 12.30pm, could you please let school know so that we can find other suitable alternatives. Please contact your house teams and we will support you in this.

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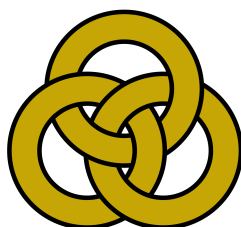
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### **COVID 19 Testing**

Over the holidays to ensure that all pupils are safe, we will be issuing COVID 19 home testing kits. The government has recommended weekly testing during the break. Upon return to school in the New Year, the government has asked schools to carry out mass testing. Therefore, we will be **providing an on-site test centre on Tuesday 4th January 2022**. Pupils will be invited in at the allocated time below for testing and return home after the test. **All pupils will return to school Wednesday 5th January 2022 as planned as long as they have a negative test.**

### **Mass testing Tuesday 4th January 2022**

Time	Who	Where	All pupils return home once they have received a test. If you have a positive test you will be contacted the same day and told to book a PCR and self-isolate until you receive the result.
8.30 to 9.30	Year 7	Sports hall	
9.30 to 10.30	Year 8	Sports hall	
10.30 to 11.30	Year 9	Sports hall	
11.30 to 12.30	Year 10	Sports hall	
13.00 to 14.00	Year 11	Sports hall	
14.00 to 15.00	Year 12/13	Sports hall	
<b>All pupils with a negative test can return to school Wednesday 5th January 2022</b>			

### **Consent**

All pupils accessing mass testing will require consent via ARBOR. If you have already consented, you do not need to consent again. If you have not consented but would like to, please access the link below for full guidance.

<https://login.arbor.sc/>

### **Masks**

The government advice is that all pupils and staff (unless exempt) should wear a mask in communal areas and on school transport to slow the spread of the Omicron variant. We urge pupils to wear masks in school, especially to avoid self isolation. Should your child be identified as a close contact with someone who has the Omicron variant, they will be legally required to self isolate for 10 days. This will mean missing school and this will affect your festive celebrations over Christmas. We do not want any pupil to miss out on their education or any family celebrations. Therefore, we ask that all parents provide their child with a mask for school and encourage them to wear them in communal areas and on school or public transport.

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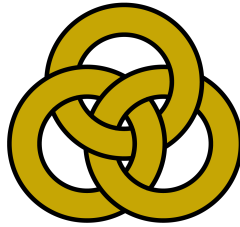
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**Headteacher Christmas message**

*“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)*

As Christmas approaches, there are so many things going on in our lives. Against this hectic backdrop, we take time in our Catholic school to remind ourselves of the real meaning of Christmas. We reflect on the great gift God has given us with the birth of Jesus.

During this advent I would like our community to reflect on living out faith through your:

Head - taking time to quietly reflect on the true meaning of Christmas through prayer.

Heart - demonstrating love and compassion for those who may not have all the blessings you or I have.

Hands - supporting those less fortunate by collecting food and gifts for the less fortunate for our annual CAUSE hamper campaign.

I hope you and all of your loved ones have a very blessed Christmas and that 2022 will be filled with grace, love and peace.

Yours sincerely

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