



# Trinity Catholic High School

Headmaster: Dr P C Doherty OBE, BA (Hons), DPhil (Oxon), FRSA

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are well and had a relaxing Easter break in spite of the ongoing constraints that remain in place to stop the spread of Covid-19 in our community. I am truly delighted to welcome students back to school today and hope that you are all looking forward to the summer term as much as I am. While I welcome the gradual easing of national restrictions which the Government has now introduced, I confirm that the DfE has not changed the advice which they offer to help mitigate the spread of Covid-19 in schools. I will therefore highlight here the coronavirus protective measures that we will continue to uphold at Trinity this term.

- a) The DfE have confirmed that face coverings should continue to be worn in schools, including in classrooms, except when to wear a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. This measure will remain in place until at least 17<sup>th</sup> May. We have students on roll that, for medical reasons, are exempt from this provision and they should not wear face coverings as previously agreed. If you have any concerns about face coverings, please do not hesitate to contact Trinity's Covid-19 Team on covid@tchs.uk.net
- b) Students must not come into school if they have any of the symptoms of coronavirus, including a fever, a continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell. Please arrange to be tested at the earliest available opportunity and complete the "Covid Reporting" form which is available on the 'Covid' page of our school website ([Trinity's website](#)).
- c) Students must not come into school if they have been told to self-isolate by the track and trace service, if someone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus or someone in your household has received a positive test result. Please use the "Covid Reporting" form on the school website to log this absence.
- d) Please reinforce with students that they must do all they can to implement the following:
  - Carry at least 2 face coverings at all times (one spare) and wear a face covering if/when in close contact with others.
  - Wash hands regularly or use hand sanitiser where this is more appropriate.
  - Practise good respiratory hygiene by using tissues and the "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach.
  - Maintain a safe distance from other students, where possible, and always keep a distance of at least 2 metres from staff.
  - Students that use public transport must wear face coverings for the entire duration of their journey and, of course, must adhere to our expectations regarding impeccable behaviour.
  - The Castle area is out-of-bounds and students must not congregate in this area at the end of the school day.
  - Students must be punctual at all times, especially at the start of the school day and for the start of lessons. Students must not mix with children from other school bubbles and they should be mindful to always maintain a safe distance from students in other bubbles.

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- e) We will continue to operate Year Group Bubbles with staggered arrangements for the start and end of day as well as breaks and lunchtime. Parents should note the staggered start and finish times that operate for each year group ensuring that they adhere strictly to these times and avoid the mixing of bubble groups. Students can arrive on either school site up to 10 minutes before the stated start time. Parents should not conduct the drop off or pick-up on either Mornington Road or Sydney Road in order to reduce the congestion on the streets directly outside the school gates.
- f) Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing: The Government is very keen that all people without coronavirus symptoms will engage with a programme of rapid lateral flow tests at home as this is a fast and easy method to check if you have contracted the Covid-19 virus. As you know, we have made test kits available to students and we have sufficient stock to provide more tests if you want them. LFD Test Kits can also be obtained, free of charge, from any chemist. I advise that a home test is conducted twice every week (every Monday and Thursday before school) and remember, it is important that you record your child's test results (negative or positive) on the NHS Test and Trace website each time a test is taken. If a home test shows a positive result, this should then be followed up by taking a PCR test to confirm the result. If anyone tests positive they, their household and any support bubbles they are part of should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance for 10 days.

If you have any questions about our Covid-19 Risk Assessment ([here](#)) or any of the above matters please do not hesitate to contact Trinity's Covid-19 Team on [covid@tchs.uk.net](mailto:covid@tchs.uk.net).

Yours sincerely,

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