



St Bede's Catholic Academy Parents' Newsletter

Monday 24th January 2022

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Diary Events

Friday 28th

Yr11 GCSE Music Practical Exam

Monday 7th & Friday 11th

Yr11 Engineering Exam

Wednesday 9th

Yr11 Health & Social Care Exam

Friday 11th February

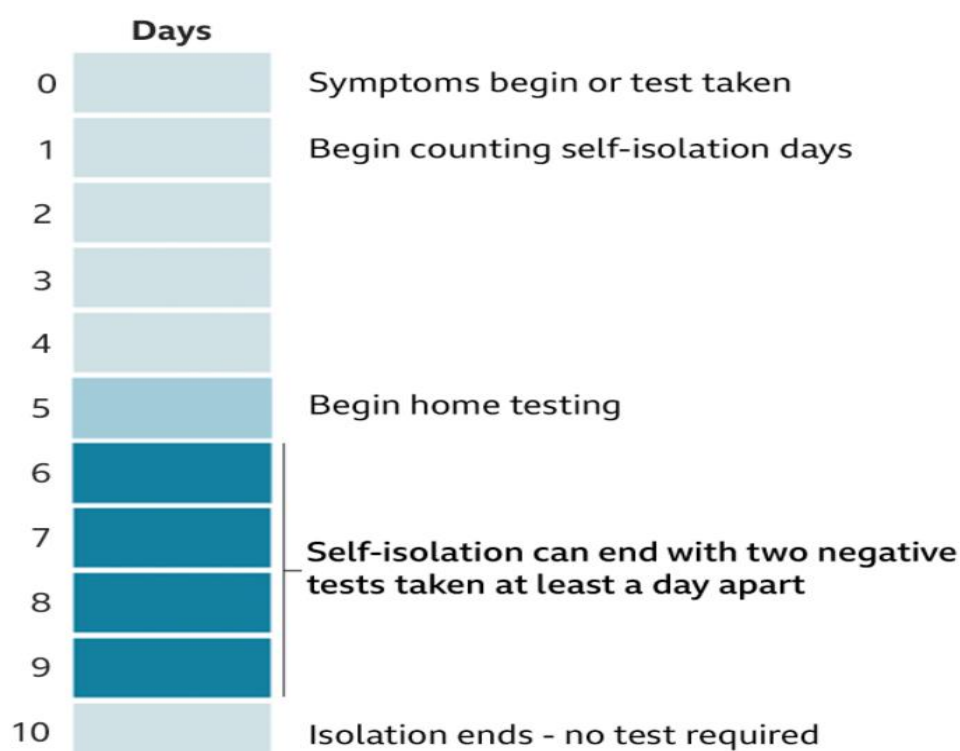
School Closes

COVID update

I thought it would be useful to communicate with you the latest guidance that we currently have in respect of Covid:

1. There is currently no expectation that students need to wear face coverings inside classrooms. Students can wear them if they choose.
2. Face coverings are to be worn in corridors, the canteen and in any other communal area of the school.
3. If students travel to school using public transport, they will need to continue to wear masks.
4. If a student test positive for COVID using a LFT test they no longer need to book a PCR test to confirm this.
5. If a student test positive they can take a lateral flow test on days 5 and 6 and come out of isolation on day 6 as a result. This graphic from the BBC website might be useful:

How five-day isolation rule works in England



6. The school will be reviewing its control measure next week.

Harry Lewis

Harry Lewis, one of our past students has signed a professional contract with Scunthorpe United. We would like to wish Harry all the best in his future career: <https://www.scunthorpe-united.co.uk/news/2022/january/harry-lewis-signs-first-professional-contract/>



[Harry Lewis signs first professional contract - News - Scunthorpe United](https://www.scunthorpe-united.co.uk/news/2022/january/harry-lewis-signs-first-professional-contract/)

Scunthorpe United is delighted to announce Harry Lewis has signed his first professional contract with the club. Coming into effect from July 2022, he signs a two-year deal with a one-year option in the club's favour.

www.scunthorpe-united.co.uk

Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents

As you may be aware, Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment are a national agenda in schools across the UK and it is a key part of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021. Schools are expected to have a zero-tolerance approach to any Sexual Violence or Sexual Harassment in order to keep students safe. This is part of the RSE curriculum and aims to develop young people's understanding of what is not acceptable in all aspects of society.

The Children's Commissioner recently launched some resources aimed at parents and carers about online sexual harassment and how they can support children and young people to stay

safe online. The guide includes a list of additional resources and sources of support and covers issues, such as sexting, peer pressure and body image. The key message is the importance of taking early and talking often to create a culture before a crisis. Please do take time to read the link as it is a helpful tool and guide for parents and carers.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>



[Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents | Children's Commissioner for England](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/)

The things I wish my parents had known, young people's advice for talking to your child about online sexual harassment.

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Men-ACWY Vaccinations – Year 9 Students ONLY

Year 9 students will be given a booster on the 24th February 2022, please can you follow the link to provide consent

<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/138018SB2109054>

Covid Vaccine Consent Forms

If your child is aged between 12 and 15 they should have received a consent form this week. Please can you complete the form and return it to school by the 31st January 2022. Please could I ask that the form is fully completed, we are getting some returned with missing information such as student name etc so we are unable to action these.

Governor recruitment

There are currently positions available on the governing body, particularly for Foundation governors. There is a recruitment poster attached, if you are interested or require more information please either email admin@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk or call (01724) 245151.

Rapid Lateral Flow Testing Quality Assurance

We have been asked by the NHS to participate in the Quality Assurance testing of the lateral flows, it is entirely optional but we would like some children to participate, the child needs to be between the age of 12 and 16. I have attached some information to this newsletter for you to read. If you would like your child to participate please can you email your consent to kgllynn@stbedesscunthorpe.org.uk. I will then arrange for the leaflet and pack to be given to your child when they come into school in January on the dates above.

Free School Meals

If you are not in receipt of free school meals already we have purchased a new online application system for you to check to see if you are now eligible. The application process is simple and does not require you to provide any documents. You can find this on our school website under Parent Information, Free School Meals.

