

Saint John Wall Catholic School

A Catholic School For All



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'



Issue 15

Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 7 January 2022

Catholic Life - This year 's theme is based on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13)

Termly theme: Achievement (rocky soil)

Termly SJW values – Learned and Wise

Dear God, This week, we reach the end of the Christmas season and celebrate the Epiphany, the day the Three Wise Men visited Jesus. Help us at the start of this new year to remember that You are our strength, the light by which we walk, the truth by which we talk. You are our hope, the promise to which we hold, the story that must be told. You are the peace this world cannot provide, that overcomes our pride. You are our God, the One whose name we praise to whom our hands are raised. Amen

Important Dates to Note

Trips

- **University of Worcester – Year 10 & 11**
Monday 10 January 2022 – 8.50am to 3pm

Assessment Week

- **Year 10 Assessment Week**
Monday 17 January 2022 to Friday 21 January 2022
- **Year 8 Assessment Week**
Monday 7 February 2022 to Friday 11 February 2022

Parents' Afternoon

- **Year 10 Parents' Afternoon**
Thursday 10 February 2022 – 1pm to 4pm
We will decide nearer the time whether this will be face to face or virtual on Teams.

Covid 19 Safety Information

Welcome back to all our pupils and we hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas. This week our newsletter focuses on covid safety as we all return to school after the holidays. We also welcome new staff in this edition too.

As you are aware the Government has updated their safety advice for schools in light of the new Covid 19 variant and with the cases being at the highest since the pandemic began. Here at Saint John Wall we are working extremely hard to ensure face to face teaching continues and we are taking precautions to keep everyone safe whilst they are in school.

Latest Guidance from the DFE states: Face coverings help protect the wearer and others against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of COVID-19. Where pupils in Year 7 and above are educated, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure.

From January 4th, we also recommend that in those schools where pupils in Year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn in classrooms. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. This will also be a temporary measure.



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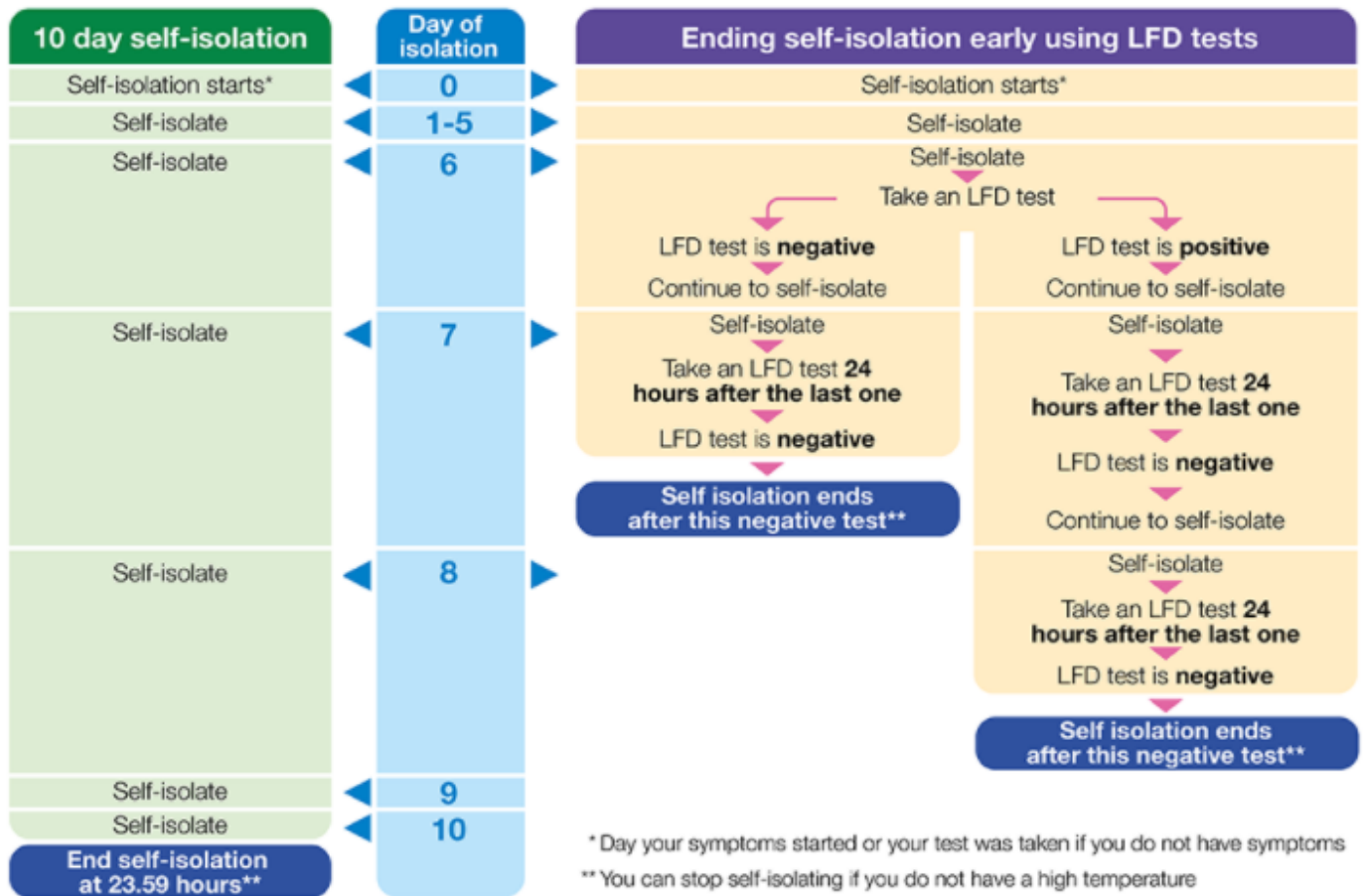


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Pupils in these schools must also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and should wear it on dedicated transport to and from school.

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



Behaviour at Saint John Wall Catholic School

Here at Saint John Wall we are proud of our pupils. Visitors to our school often comment on how well behaved and polite our pupils are. Our Pastoral Team are very supportive and, on occasion, need to support a pupil to make the right choices regarding their behaviour. The Pastoral Team act quickly to fully investigate any incident that has been raised regarding behaviour. Pupils are given the opportunity to voice their opinion regarding an incident that has occurred using a pupil statement. It may be necessary that as a result of the investigated incident a pupil receives consequences in line with our behaviour policy. We also take a restorative justice approach of resolution, forgiveness and moving forward following some behaviour incidents. We believe that all pupils have the right to feel safe and be happy at school and encourage any pupil that has a concern regarding the behaviour of another pupil to report it to a member of staff. We have an SJW (Safe, Just, Wise) icon on the school desktop that pupils can use to report matters and we encourage all pupils to talk to a member of staff. There are many staff pupils could choose to talk to from their Form Tutor, Head of Year, Subject Tutor, Pupil Coach, Lay Chaplain and a range of Support Staff. Alternatively, if parents wish to report or discuss matters, please contact the school and ask to speak to your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

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Welcome to New Staff



Mrs Bates - Head of Science and STEM

"I am really looking forward to continuing my teaching career within a Catholic School and getting to meet everyone within our school community. My aim is to work as a team to continue to further improve the results in Science for all pupils within our school. This is so that each pupil achieves the best outcomes ready for the next stages of their education."



Mr Chand – Site Assistant

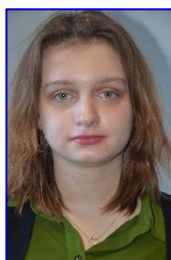
"I have been really looking forward to working with the Saint John Wall School family, my aim is to ensure the school is kept safe and secure and to help improve the learning conditions of pupils and staff."



Mrs Baxter - Trainee teacher of English

"As much as I am passionate about anything literature, writing and reading related, the sciences, arts and social sciences grab my interests too!

I am most looking forward to equipping SJW pupils with literacy skills they can utilise for the rest of their lives, as well as encourage and providing support for reading for pleasure. Feel free to say hello if you see me in passing, and I am very excited to teach and learn from you!"



Miss Ryduchowska - Trainee Teacher of Maths

"I am looking forward to working in the Maths Department. and in particular getting to know all the pupils and to learn as much as possible whilst being part of the SJW community."



Miss Jordan - Art Teacher

"I am looking forward to getting to know the faculty and the pupils here at Saint John Wall. I love Art and I hope to be able to instill a love for Art and learning in my pupils. As well as being an asset to the Art Department and the school as a whole."





HM Government

NHS

Test and Trace

**Rapid Covid-19
testing twice a week
will help us stay
ahead of the virus**

**Report your test result
each time, whether it's
positive, negative or void.**

**Test at home, report online
and keep life moving.**

**GET YOUR TESTS
FROM SCHOOL OR COLLEGE**

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You must wear a face covering on all public transport, at stations and interchanges.



Wearing a face covering not only protects you but also protects your loved ones who may be more vulnerable.



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