



Recovery and Return to McAuley

Arrangements for Week 1 September 2021

A mini-guide for parents and carers

This mini guide will take you through our plans for our first week in September 2021. As you may know the government has made an announcement saying that schools are expected to test children twice in September and then continue to issue lateral flow test kits which are to be administered at home. In March 2021 we gained the consent of 99% of parents. We will need this consent again. You will be able to give this by completing the Google form that will be sent out via School Comms

This guide will provide some answers to questions that you may have and will help you talk through our arrangements and expectations for our full return with your child/ren.

All the staff are very excited to welcome everyone on their return and to put the heartbeat and the soul back into our McAuley Catholic school community.

Please note that the Government guidance quoted here is current at the time of going to publication.



WHEN DOES MY CHILD START AND WHERE WILL S/HE GO ON THE FIRST DAY?



Every year we have a planned return of students. Indeed, for the last two years we have dedicated the whole first week to student induction. The return this September will incorporate planned induction activities alongside incorporating COVID testing into the first day back for students.

Wednesday 1st September at 8.00am STAFF INSET

Y12 and Y13 will be tested today between 11:30am and 1.30pm, they can arrive at any point between these times on the Cantley site.

Thursday 2nd September at 8.00am. Y7, Y10, Y12 and Y13 are in school.

Y7 will be based on the Acacia Road site, Y10 on the Cantley Lane site. Y12 and Y13 are in the Sixth Form Centre. Students should go to the relevant site and line up outside. Staff will be there to welcome and guide students. The school day will finish at 2.15pm. **Year 7 and Y10 will be tested today.**

Friday 3rd September at 8.00am. All students are in school. Y7, Y8 and Y11 will be based on the Acacia Road site, Y9 and Y10 on the Cantley Lane site. Y12 and Y13 in the Sixth Form Centre. Students should go to relevant site and line up outside. Staff will be there to welcome and guide students. The school day will finish at 2.15pm. **Years 8, 9 and 11 will be tested today.**

Testing will continue on Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September. We anticipate that students will still be expected to lateral flow test every week. Students will be provided with home testing kits to do this.

All students will be in Form depending on their days in on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd.

Normal timetable as of P1 Monday the 6th September.
Assemblies will only take place after pupils have had their first test.

We have organised the rest of the information in this mini-guide into THREE areas.

- 1. The Organisation of Learning**
- 2. Keeping students safe**
- 3. The Year Group Newsletter**

1. THE ORGANISATION OF LEARNING (CURRICULUM)

Will my child be following the full curriculum?

YES All students will follow a full curriculum, with lessons in all subjects. Year group bubbles will no longer apply. They will be expected to be FULLY equipped for every lesson including wearing the school P.E. kit. They will return to getting changed for PE so need not wear the kit during the school day.

What will learning be like?

When we return to lessons in September teachers will be ready with schemes of learning so that we can build on all the hard work and learning many students have done during the summer.

Teachers plan to fully utilise Home Learning to support and accelerate progress and students will benefit from access to a lap top, i-pad, PC or Chromebook at home. This will allow them to access materials and 'home learning' tasks which will continue to be set via Microsoft Teams.

When my child is not in school will s/he be able to access some work in that first week?

Students will have had Summer work which should be completed on their return to school. See the link below to this work.

<https://www.mcauley.org.uk/index.php/extended-learning>

2. KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

Our **Best Standards of Behaviour** has all the usual high standards of good behaviour but has been updated to include clear expectations of behaviour in light of the changes made in response to COVID 19 guidance.

September 2021, Covid – 19 Response

Overview

The School Behaviour Policy will still apply – The McAuley Way. Elements of the Behaviour Policy are determined by the Legal Framework. For example, powers to search and confiscate will not change but we have adapted our COVID Best Behaviours annexe to keep the relevant bits.

Students are expected to behave as well and as positively as at any previous time, exhibiting respect and courtesy to all in the school community. Good work and behaviour will be expected and rewarded as usual. Students should be able to enjoy their day, to flourish in their studies, to enjoy the company of their friends and to benefit from social interaction. However, the pandemic and the Government guidance places certain limits on the normal operation of the school and the behaviours of everyone in the community.

Our emphasis will still be on Rewards but Sanctions will be applied in school in line with the protocols set out in The McAuley Way.

WHAT WILL THE DAY TO DAY ORGANISATION BE LIKE?

- **We will continue to operate the one-way system** Entrances, Corridors and Staircases operate on a strict one-way system, without exception. Clear signage supports this.
- **Assemblies** and other mass gatherings will now take place
- **Handwashing** and the use of sanitisers will continue. Staff will ensure this happens.
- **Normal school uniform** will be worn.
- **COVID Symptoms.** Any student displaying symptoms which could potentially indicate Covid – 19 infection will be isolated in a secure room until parents can be informed and the student collected without exception. Whilst waiting to be collected, the student will be supervised by staff using personal Protective Equipment. The School will instruct parents that the student must self-isolate in line with Public Health England guidance and get a PCR test. **Close contacts will not be asked to self-isolate** unless they have symptoms but they will be tested on a daily basis before they go to class.
- Parents must not send their child to school if they have ANY symptoms of COVID-19
- Toilets are a particularly important area of School in the context of the pandemic. Students must wash their hands thoroughly, with soap, and use the hand sanitisers provided after using the toilet facilities.
- LANYARDS Continue. All students will be issued with a colour-coded lanyard to assist with safe use of payments for lunch and to identify year group. This lanyard **MUST** be worn at all times during the school day. Failure to do so will attract sanctions
- Face coverings may still be worn but will not be compulsory.
- The School will communicate expectations of behaviour on buses to and from School. Any unacceptable behaviour will be likely to lead to sanctions and a bus ban
- It is a requirement that face coverings are worn on public transport
- Except for using the toilet, no student will be allowed out of lesson without good reason (which may include medical conditions made known to the School) and must have a note from member of staff.

Equipment – Will my child be able to borrow equipment?

It is vitally important that every child has the full list of school equipment in a pencil case to include, as a minimum, two pens, a pencil, ruler, an eraser, a pencil sharpener and a scientific calculator. We will not be able to lend any equipment to students without charging them for it since they will be expected to keep it. **We expect every child to have a backpack.**

Uniform - Will my child be expected to wear full uniform from September?

Full uniform is expected from the beginning of term.

See your child's Year Group SWAY Newsletter for absolute clarity.

Attendance – Does my child need to attend school from September? YES

Travelling to and from school

All our bus routes and times have been confirmed from September. We will be talking through the queuing and boarding routines with students in September. They are all expected to wear face coverings when travelling on buses.

Health and Hygiene

From September we will be providing enhanced cleaning and handwashing stations separate from our brand new bathroom facilities. Every classroom will be fully stocked with tissues, alcohol wipes, hand gel and a lidded bin. Our first aiders have received extra training and we have constructed new first aid areas.

The Importance of Wearing Lanyards & Catering arrangements and the use of thumb print

We will be explaining our expectations regarding hygiene routines, social distancing and queuing during the September induction day. School dinners will be available from September but with a limited menu.

To minimise the risk of the transmission of infection we are issuing every child with a swipe card and a lanyard. We will carry the cost of this and the cards will be issued free of charge but a fee of £5 will be payable for a replacement card. The lanyards will be colour coded according to each year group.

3. See the link below to the YEAR GROUP SWAY NEWSLETTERS

Please continue to regularly check all our social media platforms for the latest information



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