

February 2021

Re-opening of St Mary's Catholic High School to Staff and Pupils

Health and Safety Protocols



## 1. Facemasks

The government recommends that all secondary aged pupils to wear a facemask whilst at school, including **inside the classroom**.

**Pupils may only remove their masks:**

- ✓ Whilst seated in the dining room.
- ✓ Whilst in their outdoor recreational zones.

## 2. Maintaining Good Hygiene

- ✓ Pupils should wash and sanitise their hands regularly.
- ✓ The school will continue with the enhanced cleaning schedule.



## 3. Seating Plans and Close Contact Tracing

- ✓ In line with government guidance, close contacts of any positive COVID case will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days.
- ✓ Seating plans are in place for all lessons, to allow close contact tracing to take place easily.

## 4. Year Group Bubbles

- ✓ We aim to keep as much distance between year groups as possible. As most classrooms have their own external entrances, lessons will be taught in departmental and specialised rooms, with all movement around school happening externally.
- ✓ All year groups have been allocated outdoor recreational zones.

## 5. Ventilation

- ✓ Classrooms are to be well ventilated when occupied. Natural ventilation should be achieved by opening windows/doors.

## 6. LFT Testing and Additional Measures

- ✓ Pupils have the option to take two LFT tests per week.
- ✓ **One-way system** in place around the school site.
- ✓ **Daily 'staying safe' reminders** on the pupil briefing.