

# Mount St. Joseph

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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to be writing to you about reopening school. I am sure you are aware of the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week to begin reopening all schools the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March. This will be **phased** for each year group across the week – more information regarding this will follow early next week.

As a school we are working extremely hard to implement the latest guidance and ensure that the school is ready for students to return. Until students return fully they are encouraged to continue to access remote learning through Microsoft TEAMS and Show My Homework as they have been doing over the last few weeks. School will remain open for key students.

## Lateral flow testing (LFT)

The government has advised that all students will be offered the opportunity to take 3 LFT tests when returning to school, 3 to 5 days apart. A schedule for this will be sent with more information about the phased return.

If your child has received a positive test result within the last 90 days they cannot be tested at this stage.

Below is a link to the necessary consent form for lateral flow testing for students. Please complete this before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Students will be unable to access tests unless consent is received.

[Mount St Joseph - Consent form for COVID-19 lateral flow test \(msj.bolton.sch.uk\)](http://msj.bolton.sch.uk)

## Face masks

Please be aware that the guidance regarding face masks has now been updated. All students are now required to wear a face covering in school, including in the classroom. This does not apply to PE Lessons or when outdoors. Please could I request that all students are sent into school with a face masks each day. If your child is medically exempt please could I request that your child wears a medical exemption badge. These can be readily purchased online and in supermarkets. Could I also ask for your support reminding students about the continued requirements of the national lockdown including social distancing within the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over this period. We are really looking forward to our students returning to school. We will contact you again at the start of next week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Devany

Headteacher