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Dear Parent/Carer

I am aware there has been a lot of communication sent home recently and I hope once we return to school things will settle a little. I am excited about the prospect of welcoming more students and staff into school once again. The health, safety and wellbeing of the school community remains our top priority.

School routines

We return to the staggered start and end times (apart from the first lateral test time when individual slots have been allocated). Please be mindful if you are dropping your child off at the school gates not to block residents' driveways. Mr Rees has suggested previously a one-way system to help ease congestion, with cars going down the road towards Sevenoaks Way.

Students must wear full school uniform even when they are coming in for their Lateral Flow test. Face masks must be always worn inside the building. Students should therefore bring more than one face mask to school so they can change their mask during the day.

Ventilation is very important within the school building. Doors and windows will be open. Your children will be allowed to wear coats if they are cold.

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they must not come into school. They need to either self-isolate and / or get a test to confirm they have Covid-19 in which case they and your household will need to self-isolate. Please make school aware by contacting the Attendance Officer: registration@saintolaves.net (Years 7-11) sixthformregistration@saintolaves.net (Years 12-13).

The school canteen will be open at break and lunchtime. Students are encouraged initially to bring food from home as we try and reduce student numbers in an enclosed area.

Wellbeing

I am aware sleep patterns may have been disrupted during lockdown. It is important young people try and adjust their routine before they return to face to face teaching. Some may feel anxious about the return to school. I hope you have signed up to the Teen Tips Wellbeing Hub and would also recommend: <https://www.kooth.com/> and <https://www.meetoo.help/> for access to further help if there are concerns. Please make staff aware if your child has particular worries.

I will send additional information about home testing which will begin after the first in school lateral flow tests are completed next week.

Yours sincerely

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