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St Anne's testing plans

Following the announcement of a positive case of coronavirus in Alderney, Education staff worked quickly this morning to ensure that the testing regime being used to open settings in Guernsey next week would be in place to ensure the safe reopening of St Anne's as well.

Testing will now take place on Sunday in order to coincide with a flight to Guernsey which will take the swabs to the PEH for processing, and the school now aims to be ready to reopen on Tuesday, provided that all test results have been received.

This does mean there will be a one day delay to the reopening of the school, but senior leaders in Education felt it was essential that there was every confidence that the reopening was safe.

Therefore, just like in Guernsey, all staff and pupils who may be in St Anne's next week will need to undergo testing in advance and be in receipt of a negative COVID-19 test result.

This has been made possible thank to close working with colleagues in Education and Public Health and at the Mignot Memorial Hospital.

Martin Winward, headteacher of St Anne's, said:

"It is only thanks to the rapid work of all involved that we have been able to get these arrangements in place so quickly, to ensure that we can still open next week. We of course want to make sure it is as safe as possible to come in to the school, but, as planned, we will be welcoming everyone who needs to make use of the service we are offering, as long as they have a negative test. Thank you again to all of the staff involved.

Parents and carers have been contacted by the school to update them on the situation.

Again, like in Guernsey, everyone who attends the school will also follow the weekly testing regime.

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