



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Covid Update

We have been advised today (19<sup>th</sup> October 2020) that there have been further confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Walsall Public Health. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

**The school remains open. Those who have to isolate have been contacted separately. These are:**

**Year 12 & 13 students**

**Year 8 students**

**Students who travel on the SF1 bus from Tamworth**

**Year 10 students**

**29 Year 7 students**

**8 members of staff**

Providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal, even if they have a sibling who attends SFA who is isolating. We will keep this under review.

## What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. We encourage that symptomatic individuals get tested at the earliest opportunity.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

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If you are able to move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, requesting they stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

### **Symptoms**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

### **For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

### **How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

#### **Do**

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,  
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