



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

3rd November 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Covid update

As we start a new half term, with new measures from Thursday 5th November, I would like to share the steps we are taking in school to do all that we can, not only minimise the spread of Covid- 19, but also manage risk more widely and support students and families however we can.

Measures

- Face coverings are compulsory in communal areas (Corridors, Canteen, Quad). On the whole students have been excellent in meeting this standard but please do remind your son/ daughter of this expectation and please do provide them with a face covering which is to be worn correctly. Constant reminders will be given and we do have a small supply of disposable masks but I expect students to come prepared and take responsibility.
- Wash basins are being actioned for the multiple entrances to school to increase hand washing facilities' in addition to the sanitisation stations. All students will be asked to wash their hands for 20 seconds upon arrival once installed.
- Ventilation is a prominent feature in the Government guidance so windows must remain open. The time the heating is running for in school will be extended and students and staff may wear coats in class when it is particularly cold. However, there are some parameters associated here, namely, blazers must also be worn and hoods and hats are not allowed. If a coat starts to impede learning in any way then it will be asked to be removed.
- Transparent screens have been ordered for the tables in the canteen so that when sat eating there will be a physical barrier to the student sat opposite.
- Timetables have been amended for many students so that now during any transition in school between lessons, there is no more than 25% of the students moving at any time. This is 25% moving across the whole building so the risk of crossing other students from another bubble for a period of time is further reduced.
- We have set up a dedicate email address covid@stfrancis.cc so that if there are any specific Covid queries you may have, or you need to inform us of a test result or period of isolation then this can be used as a single email contact rather than using the generic postbox or attendance email addresses.

Any one of us could be facing hardship during this time. The staff at SFA have therefore set up their own Food Bank to help and support anyone in our community who may be struggling at this time so please do get in touch via covid@stfrancis.cc if we can help and we can put together parcels for support.

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Finally, please continue to pray for all of those who may be ill, in hospital or struggling in any way during this hard time. During the month of November we remember All Souls and pray for eternal rest for all of those who have been reunited with God. We pray for the families and loved ones left behind and ask that God will guide them during their time of need.

God Bless,

Luke Salkeld