



St Michael's Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been advised today that there has been another confirmed case of COVID-19 within the college and within Year 13.

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

In line with Public Health England guidance all parents/carers of students in Year 13 have been informed by the college and directed to stay at home and self-isolate until Thursday 26th November. They will be set work during this time via Google classroom and are expected to sign in and register with their tutor group Google classroom each morning.

The college remains open for all other students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 and providing your child remains well they should continue to attend as normal.

It is possible for the college to remain open to all other year groups due to the strict health and safety measures we have put in place to ensure that year groups are kept apart during the college day.

Please be assured that we will keep this situation under close review and will continue to work closely with the local Public Health team during this time. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and you should arrange for them to take a test as soon as possible. You should inform the college immediately via email to Mrs Ferguson, PA to the Principal v.ferguson@stmichaelscollege.org.uk.

If the test is **negative**, please inform the college, providing evidence of the test result so that arrangements can be made for your child to return to college.

If the test is **positive**, please also inform the college as soon as possible. Your child will be required to stay at home and self-isolate for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. 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

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/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.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

I appreciate this situation may be concerning for you and your family. However, please be reassured that the college will continue to take whatever action is necessary to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families.

Thank you in advance for your support at this time.

Yours faithfully,



Ms F. Corcoran
Principal





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