



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

**'God causes all things to work together for good to those who love him and are called according to his purpose' Romans 8:28**

The COVID rules have always been confusing, none more than now. We are told to live with the COVID-19 virus and indeed we are. I have included the guidance below in this letter to clarify our position as a school. We have had some cases in preschool and lower key stage 2 but are managing these in line with our procedures. Please read the guidance carefully and if you have any questions, please do email the office. We will put this on the next newsletter too and this letter will be on the COVID update tab of the newsletter as a reminder.

## Testing

Although this will no longer be recommended, staff in education and childcare settings and students and pupils can still access test kits by [ordering them online](#) or through their local pharmacy if they wish. **If you feel unwell and have symptoms, then testing as necessary is the advice.**

**Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.**

## Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?

If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

If they test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice and stay at home, avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days. They will be advised to take a Lateral Flow Test on the fifth and sixth day of the illness, and if both are negative, and if they have no temperature, they can resume normal life. They must continue to follow the guidance **until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days up to 10 days as before.**

The current need for non-vaccinated adults to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive has also finished, as has the requirement for vaccinated adults and children who have been in contact with a COVID case to test themselves for seven days. There will also be an end to contact tracing.

Throughout the pandemic, we have adapted the measures in place in schools to strike the balance between protecting education and reducing transmission.

It remains our absolute priority to do everything we can to protect students in face-to-face education.

The wearing of face coverings is by choice; I urge any member of staff or pupil to wear one if feeling under the weather in any way. Cleaning of classrooms will still remain a priority and Mr Price will still be fogging but not daily unless we need to.

COVID has not gone away - we must remain focussed on our mission! I receive updates from the Local Authority each week and will let you know of any changes as they occur.

Yours in faith and partnership

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