



ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

Ref: OC/COVID-19

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been advised by Public Health that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 affecting the school setting.

- Two students within the school setting. These students were absent from school prior to becoming symptomatic and therefore not in school when infectious. No other students have been sent home as there has not been a close contact or proximal contact.
- One student of another school setting. The student used a local gym at the same time as a group of Y13 students from St Augustine's. Therefore, a small number of students who were in close contact or probable contact at the time have been asked to self-isolate for 14 days as a precautionary measure.

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

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend the setting as normal. We will keep this under review.

We thank parents for their support in keeping students away from school if they have any symptoms and also for their support with our precautionary approach. It is vital that we act in the best interests of the community.

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>.

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.

If your child has symptoms, try and keep them as far away from other members of your household as possible. It is especially important that they stay away from anyone who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable with whom you share a household.

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St Augustine's Catholic High School actively promotes equality, inclusion and accessibility; please let us know if you require assistance.
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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)

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 faithfully



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