



Saint Felix School

Headmaster: Mr James Harrison BA (Hons)

26th August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

We are really looking forward to welcoming the students back to school in September. They will notice lots of changes that have been put in place for everyone's safety but I am sure we will get used to it all very quickly.

Despite the easing of restrictions, we ask that you continue to follow government guidance with regard to staying alert to any symptoms:-

- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-in-children/>)
- High temperature – over 37.5°
- Loss or change in normal sense of taste or smell (Anosmia)

If anyone in your household exhibits any of these symptoms they must :-

- Isolate at home for 10 days – others in the household will have to isolate for 14 days.
- Take a test
- Follow advice – I have added some useful websites below.

Findings suggest that Covid-19 in children is more likely to be a mild, upper respiratory tract infection. However, for the sake of all staff and pupils at Saint Felix, if your child is unwell, they **must not** come to school.

Should your child exhibit signs of the Covid-19 virus (as outlined above) during the school day they will be isolated, with a member of staff, and we will contact you to collect them without delay.

It is advised that :-

- children are taught the importance of hand hygiene – hand washing and using hand sanitiser - and the students will be doing this throughout the day.
- Children should also be encouraged to maintain good respiratory hygiene using the “catch it, bin it, kill it” routine.
- There is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and washing of clothes following a day at school.
- We will not be routinely recording the temperatures of students as Public Health England have stated that this is an unreliable method of identifying Covid-19.
- Should there be any cases reported within our school community we will be working closely with and following the advice of the Local Health Protection team.

I will be receiving updates from the government on a daily basis and I plan to keep you informed regularly. Please let me know of any changes or concerns that you may have.

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With very best wishes



Sister A. Carr

Websites that may be useful

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-in-children/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

https://e-bug.eu/eng_home.aspx?cc=eng&ss=1&t=Information%20about%20the%20Coronavirus

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/893191/Easy_read_household_isolation.pdf