



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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18th March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Re Corona Virus (COVID-19)

Following my letters on Monday and Tuesday this week, I am writing to update you on the situation at All Saints Catholic College. We have had a fantastic day at school today: I took the decision to extend both break and lunchtime in order to raise the spirits of the children and students and staff have been enjoying games of rounders and cricket in the school playgrounds.

We continue to have some staff self-isolating, and student attendance has been low, but I want to reassure you that we have at present no confirmed cases amongst students or staff. I understand that many of you have decided to keep your child at home this week, and may continue to do so for the foreseeable future and I fully understand your reasons for doing that. I also want to reassure you that absences associated with Covid-19 will not contribute to your child's overall absence figure.

I have had enquiries from parents about sending work home: at present the focus remains teaching the children in school and completing the plans for delivering lessons in the event of school closure. You may have heard today that schools in Wales and Scotland will close this week, and should a decision be taken on schools in London or in England this afternoon, we will post updates on our website and on Twitter. **To this end we will be open tomorrow, Thursday 19th March as usual, and we close at 1pm to allow staff time to complete the preparation of Y11 revision materials and prepare for remote learning for all year groups.**

May I remind you again to use the new absence email address, illness@allsaintscc.org.uk to report all student absences. Please support the school by using this email address rather than the usual school address, or the absence line, to report sickness absence. This will enable us to more effectively plan our provision for the children who are in school that day.

The government continue to post updates daily at 2pm on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>, and the public health message remains the same: regularly washing hands, and always sneezing into a tissue will minimise the spread of infection. Please support the school by reinforcing at home.

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, the latest information on precautionary measures can be found at the NHS 111 website <https://111.nhs.uk/> and the advice for those displaying the symptoms of a fever, persistent dry cough or shortness of breath remains to stay indoors, and avoid contact with other people as you would the flu.

Finally may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in keeping our students and school community safe, and to urge you to follow us on Twitter at [@All_Saints_CC](https://twitter.com/All_Saints_CC) where we will continue to post updates and news during this emergency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew O'Neill
Headteacher