The Holy Family



Catholic School

Daily Update regarding Coronavirus

Dear Parent/Carer

We know that you will be very concerned about the issues raised by the spread of coronavirus. We continue to follow the government advice and are taking appropriate steps to limit the impact on our school communities. Government advice at the moment is to stay open during the first stages of the "delay" phase. The main change in policy is detailed in the new Stay at Home advice. A link to this is below.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

If a student has a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature they should stay at home for 7 days and follow this advice. This also applies to members of staff in the school. We will immediately inform parents if we notice any of these symptoms in the students.

Lessons and after school clubs will continue as normal until we hear anything different from the government. We will also continue with any school day visits that we have already arranged, unless the venues are closed to the public. However, we have cancelled two planned foreign residential visits as advised by the government.

We will be making some changes in order to reduce the number of people coming in and out of our buildings. Parents evenings and meetings will be postponed until further notice.

In case we have to close schools in the coming weeks, our teachers are working hard to prepare work that the students will be able to do at home. All students and parents have been given details to log onto 'ClassCharts' and it is of utmost importance that everybody is able to do this. If you are having any difficulties with accessing this app, please contact the school.

Obviously, we do not know if this will happen, but we want to be prepared just in case. We will contact you with further details should this become necessary.

We know that students are aware and maybe worried of news and media information about the Coronavirus. The staff at school will do their very best to reassure them. All students and staff have a responsibility to wash their hands with soap and warm water as often as possible at home and at school.

These are unprecedented and uncertain times and we will need to be calm, flexible and supportive of each other over the coming weeks. We hope and pray that this will not have too big an impact on our families and communities.

Yours sincerely

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