



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in school – Information, Advice and Guidance to Parents and Carers

As you will know, I took the extraordinary step to close the school as a result of a number of confirmed cases across year groups.

The decision to close and the additional measures outlined below, have been informed through consultation with representatives at Public Health England, the London COVID-19 Response Centre (LCRC) and Barnet Public Health.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with the aforementioned organisations.

This letter is to inform you of our additional measures being adopted from Monday 12th October and to provide advice on how to support your child.

Social Distancing

We will be reviewing our social distancing measures at pick up and drop off times at Neale House and Bennett House and will keep you updated on any changes.

Keyworker Survey – For Years 7-10 only

As of Monday, 12th October, we will be able to provide limited provision for our Keyworker children on the days when they are not scheduled to be in school. May we please ask that when completing this form you are mindful that these places are limited for children of our 'front-line' keyworkers. If you fall within the front-line keyworker category, please click [here](#) to fill out the survey.

Email Addresses and Passwords

You will by now have received your child's SMSJ email address and password. If you have not been issued with these details please let us know by contacting office@smsj.london. Your child's class teacher or PAM will also be able to help you with getting these details.

Please note that student passwords will automatically reset after a period of 60mins in the event of being incorrectly entered. Therefore, if your child has forgotten their password they can choose a new one once an hour has elapsed.

Timetable

Below is a reminder of the days your child/children are expected to be in school (Years 7-10 only). Please click [here](#) to see copies of the letters that were sent on Tuesday with the full details. Our Primary students are all expected back from Monday, 12th October with the exception of those students still self-isolating.

Week A

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 12th Oct | 13th Oct | 14th Oct | 15th Oct | 16th Oct |
| Year 7 | In School | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning | In School |
| Year 8 | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning |

Week B

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 19th Oct | 20th Oct | 21st Oct | 22nd Oct | 23rd Oct |
| Year 7 | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning |
| Year 8 | In School | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning | In School |

Week A

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 12th Oct | 13th Oct | 14th Oct | 15th Oct | 16th Oct |
| Year 9 | In School | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning | In School |
| Year 10 | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning |

Week B

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 19th Oct | 20th Oct | 21st Oct | 22nd Oct | 23rd Oct |
| Year 9 | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning |
| Year 10 | In School | Home Learning | In School | Home Learning | In School |

What to do if you or your child develops symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19

“You must self-isolate for at least 10 days if:

- *you have symptoms of coronavirus and you tested positive, had an unclear result or did not have a test*
- *you tested positive but have not had symptoms*

If you have symptoms, the 10 days starts from when they started.

If you have not had symptoms, the 10 days starts from when you had the test. But if you get symptoms after your test, self-isolate for a further 10 days from when your symptoms start.”

Ref: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

We continue to apply a 5-day isolation period for individuals who may have been exposed to someone with suspected symptoms. This is an operational precautionary measure to further reduce possible exposure of staff and students to the virus.

What to do if you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive

“Self-isolate for 14 days

You must self-isolate for 14 days if you live with (or are in a support bubble with) someone who:

- *has symptoms of coronavirus and tested positive, had an unclear result or did not have a test*
- *tested positive but has not had symptoms*

This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

The 14 days starts from:

- when the first person in your home or support bubble started having symptoms
- the day they were tested, if they have not had symptoms – but if they get symptoms after they were tested, self-isolate for a further 14 days from when their symptoms start.”

Ref: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

Symptoms

"The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms."

Ref: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice by phoning 111 or online, via NHS 111 at:

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

There is more information on when and how long to isolate here:

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

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.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

SMSJ Website (Click [here](#)): Covid -19 Response, Information Advice & Guidance

I sincerely hope that these measures demonstrate our commitment in ensuring that we reduce anxiety, maintain safety whilst delivering a consistent and effective education over a sustained period of time.

I once again thank you for your help and support during this extremely challenging time.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Serrão
Principal