



# St Mary's and St John's CE School

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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Notice of School closure

### Information and Advice to Parents/Carers

We have advised Public Health England that there have been further confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school. It is with regret that I have made the decision to close the school for the remainder of this week to prevent any further spread of the virus.

In response to the confirmed cases in school we have reviewed our Risk Assessment and intend to put into place additional measures (outlined below) in order to maintain the continued safe operation of the school. The school will reopen on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October following a deep clean of all three campuses.

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students will be expected to attend school as per their timetable from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. If your child is currently isolating, they should return to school after the date specified in their isolation letter. Please email [office@smsj.london](mailto:office@smsj.london) if you are unsure of your child's return date.

We would also like to strongly encourage all children to wear plain face masks when they return to school to be worn at all times when they are inside the building. If possible, please also provide your child with a small bottle of hand sanitiser to enable your child to maintain good hygiene throughout the school day.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19**

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

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

Public Health England has produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents, which explains when a person requires a Coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are; the letter can be viewed [here](#).

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.

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 you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

I acknowledge that any school closure presents challenges for you all, but I firmly believe that this adjustment is required to ensure that we can deliver a consistent and effective education over a sustained period of time.

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

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Serrão  
Principal