

# All Saints Catholic College

## A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

### COVID-19 Update and Partial Opening

Further to yesterday's guidance, I thought it would be useful to provide you with an update regarding how we are dealing with COVID-19 as a school community.

Although we have had no confirmed cases within school, we must follow advice given to us by the government. This means that pupils and staff who have a persistent cough or temperature, or live in a house where someone is displaying these symptoms, must self-isolate for 14 days. Where this is the case, please notify school so we can record this as 'exceptional circumstances'.

At present, we are trying to balance staffing levels with keeping our school open for as long as possible. This is so we minimise the impact on parents and carers. However, this is proving to be challenging and as of today we have had to implement partial opening for years 7, 8, 9 and 11 which means **year 10 pupils will not attend until further notice**. We will review this situation on a daily basis using the information we have available to us. Work is available on Show My Homework and the other usual online platforms. Please contact school should you need paper copies of work.

In the event that in the coming weeks we are forced to close the school to more pupils, we will inform parents at the earliest opportunity via the website, letters and text messages. We will continue to provide pupils work via online platforms. We have no further updates in relation to GCSE examinations. We continue to monitor advice from Ofqual and, of course, we will share updates with you when we are made aware of any changes.

As a school, we will continue to keep you updated in relation to our operation via text messages, the website and social media. The safety of pupils and staff is paramount to us and we will continue to follow advice. This means that there may be further changes to our operations at short notice. I would like to thank parents and carers for the support you have given us over in these challenging and unprecedented circumstances. I know that you will continue to show us the usual unwavering support through the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact school with any further queries.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Emmett', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Linda Emmett  
Headteacher