



St Edward's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

CHANGES TO DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION TIMES

With effect from Wednesday 25th November, Year 5 and Year 6 drop-off times will be from 8.55am-9.05am. Collection times will change to 3.20pm-3.30pm.

COVID-19 Update

As you are aware, there have been a small number of confirmed positive cases within our school community. The low impact that these cases have had on our school life is as a direct result of the safeguarding measures that we are rigorously enforcing in school. The children are continually reminded to wash their hands, our "bubbles" are being scrupulously maintained at all times and, you will have noticed, the staff are all now wearing masks on the gate and when in communal areas within the school.

To help contain the spread of the virus it is more important than ever that we all work together. With this in mind, we need to reinforce our request to parents/carers to maintain the social distancing guidance when on or around the school premises, as follows:

- Please queue 2 metres apart on both the drive and in the Church car park while waiting to drop off or collect your child/ren
- Children must be supervised at all times. This is to ensure that they are not mixing with children from other bubbles or with adults from other households.
- We politely request that once you have dropped your child off in the morning, or collected your child in the afternoon, that you do not treat this as an opportunity to socialise with other parents on the school premises or around the school entrances.
- Please arrive at your allotted time only, in order to reduce congestion between bubbles at the entry gates.
- Face coverings **MUST** be worn at all times on the school premises (including while dropping off and picking up your child/ren), unless you are exempt from wearing them.

Symptoms of coronavirus

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



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Additional guidance in other counties includes asking people to consider having a COVID test if displaying any of the additional precautionary symptoms listed below:

- Headaches / Aches and pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose / Sneezing
- Sometimes tummy ache in children

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above, stay at home and arrange to have a test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you, or anyone in your household, has any of the symptoms listed above, or if anyone in your household has arranged a test, you MUST notify school immediately via the office email, the office telephone or the out-of-hours mobile, 07561 691690. It is very important that if anyone in your house displays any symptoms, the whole household must self-isolate until a negative test result has been received (in the case of a positive test result, please see guidance below). It is imperative that we are made aware of any potential COVID-19 cases as early as possible so that any preventative action can be taken and we can liaise promptly with Public Health England. I would please ask that you do not share results on social media as this can create panic and anxiety for the school community.

Stay at home guidance if you have COVID-19 symptoms, or have received a positive test result

- Stay at home and begin to self-isolate for **10 days** from when your symptoms start.
- Arrange to have a test.
- A positive test result means you must complete the 10-day isolation period, from date of first symptoms.
- A negative test result means you can stop self-isolating as long as you are well.
- If you do not have symptoms, but have tested positive for COVID-19, stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the day the test was taken.

If you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19

- Stay at home for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day the first person in your house developed symptoms or, if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken.
- Only arrange a test for yourself if you have symptoms.
- If you develop symptoms and your test result is positive, follow the same advice for people with COVID-19 to stay home and self-isolate for 10 days from when your symptoms started, regardless of where you are in your 14-day self-isolation period.

Kind regards

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