



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

A SCIENCE SPECIALIST COLLEGE

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MLR/hr/COVID-19

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I have today talked with the an adviser from local authority health team with regards to supressing cases of Covid-19 in a number of different year groups. We have agreed a strategy to try and manage Covid without impacting on your children's education.

From Monday 27th September and for a two week period

- Students will wear masks in all lessons as well as in public areas of the buildings for the next two weeks
- Students will **all** need to take Lateral Flow tests twice each week and form tutors will be checking this has been done
- Health advisers have asked me to request that you try to limit your children's out-of-school socialising as much as possible for this next two weeks
- Water fountains have been disconnected temporarily to stop the potential for contact with fountain spouts. Students can buy water or bring additional water from home
- Sports fixtures with other schools/year groups will be suspended for the next two weeks
- Students will be asked not to mix with other year groups at break or lunchtime
- All students must wear masks on public transport

Please note that symptoms in young people are not always the same as those that have been shown by older people. **Any student who is unwell at all is urged to go for a PCR test.** There are walk-in centres across the region. **If a student is unwell they need to wait until the PCR result before returning to school.**

Online learning is now up and running and teachers have asked to make sure that all lessons are being simultaneously taught and streamed live if there are students in the class who are absent with Covid. In order to access these lessons, students need to log on to Teams **using their stjosephsmail email address** and the password that they use to log on to the computers in school. N.B. All sjcwebmail.com addresses have now been discontinued.

Thank you so much for your support with our plan to manage and suppress this spike in cases. By working together, we will make sure that learning can continue without interruption and that case numbers begin to reduce.

Yours sincerely,

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