

SACRED HEART

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Since I last wrote to you on Friday 9th October, we have had two positive student cases and one member of staff test positive last week and no cases at all this week. As usual, we have been in contact with the Health Improvement Practitioner from Public Health and have followed all their advice in relation to each of these cases.

As half term approaches, I just wanted to make clear to you the procedure to follow should your daughter test positive in the holiday. The school office will be closed so please do not ring – if you need to get in touch with school because your daughter has tested positive or to let us know she is isolating, please email the helpdesk. The email account enquiries@shhs.org.uk will be checked regularly, we will contact you for some information in order to carry out our internal 'track and trace' procedures for 'close contacts' even though it is a holiday and school is closed. Please provide the following in your email to the helpdesk:

- Your daughter's full name and tutor group
- The date she first experienced symptoms
- The date she tested positive
- A contact telephone number so we can ring you as parent/carer

Public Health define a 'close contact' from 2 days *before* symptoms become evident:

- Direct contact - face to face conversation / skin to skin contact / within one metre for one minute or longer
- Proximity contact - less than 2m for more than 15mins - this is defined as those sitting next to, in front of, and behind a student in a class
- Transport contact - those who sat close together on a bus or all those travelling together in a car

Please remind your daughter that it is compulsory to wear a face mask in all communal inside spaces, and wear it properly, covering both the nose and the mouth. Also, we are continuing to promote these simple steps to keep everyone safe and well:

1. Be well for school
2. "Catch it, kill it, bin it."
3. Hand hygiene
4. Socially distance
5. Remind others

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we have had an excellent start to this academic year, girls are really engaging in their learning and enjoying being back in the classroom, school is a very calm and a happy place to be. Your daughter has played her part well in this smooth start – the girls have been a credit to yourselves and the school.

Best wishes for a healthy and restful half term,

Mrs Howell
Acting Headteacher



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