

SACRED HEART

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Headmistress: Mrs A Bath

Dear Parents/Carers,

There have been six further positive student cases of COVID-19 at Sacred Heart since I wrote to you last Friday, bringing a total of thirteen cases to date. We have also had one member of staff test positive today. As per guidance, we have been in contact with Public Health England and have followed all their advice in relation to each of these cases.

Any staff or students who have been in close contact with a confirmed case have received an individual letter and will be staying at home for 14 days. Just a reminder that Public Health England 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

Just to reiterate, all of the above must self-isolate for 14 days but should not seek a test unless symptoms are evident. In the event of symptoms and a negative result, they must still self-isolate for 14 days. Other household members do not need to self-isolate unless anyone in the household develops symptoms.

All students have had a session in tutor time on how to access work from home via Sharepoint, and were able to ask any questions and ensure they had their password to access school systems, should they need to isolate.

We continue to share and focus on the following the principles with both students and staff, I would be grateful if you could reinforce these with your daughter:

- Be well for school
- Maintain good respiratory hygiene – catch it, kill it, bin it
- Continue to use sanitiser whenever you touch a surface someone else may have touched
- Maintain social distancing in lessons and while moving around school
- Remind other to do the same

Thanks once again for your support of school in these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Howell
Acting Headteacher

