

St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School



Corona virus update 17.3.20

Dear parents and carers,

Following my recent letter regarding the above, the Government have updated their guidelines. These guidelines include those for self-isolation as follows;

'Where one family member displays symptoms, whole families will now need to self-isolate for a period of 14 days'.

Yesterday (Monday), we had a small number of students who requested we contact home as they felt unwell. To put this into proportion, the number was less than 25, whilst other Schools have been seeing absence figures of 200. We are proud of the commitment and resilience our students are showing. However, we would appreciate it if you would discuss this matter with your children given the new guidelines, as once they have left the School with suspected symptoms, they will be unable to return to school for 14 days and the whole family will also be expected to self-isolate, including working parents, in order to meet Government guidelines

We will be keeping a health and safety register to ensure that no students return before this 14 day period from today.

All staff are working hard to ensure that online work is available for all students self-isolating and that school remains open for as long as the Government require us to do so, in order that there is the least disruption to family lives.

The Government's latest guidance can be found at;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

All GCSE students should complete online work found at;

[www.satchelone](http://www.satchelone.com) (for Show my homework) OR
<https://scien80.wixsite.com/workfromhome>.

Alternatively, Y11 students should commence their GCSE revisions work. We reiterate that we have no reassurance from the Ofqual at this time that GCSE exam boundaries will change at all as a result of this outbreak and therefore, encourage your child to revise as much as possible.

We send our prayers to those of you affected by this virus or concerned about vulnerable members of your family.

Yours sincerely

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