

# St Gabriel's

Roman Catholic High School



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Dear parents/carers

I am contacting you following the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK and abroad.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that school is following the guidelines set out by the Public Health Agency and that we have had no reports of staff or students with corona virus, or suspected corona virus.

However, we are conscious that the Government could imminently decide to close schools, or that we could have an outbreak. In this eventuality, work will be available for your child online. This work can be accessed via [www.satchelone](http://www.satchelone) or <https://scien80.wixsite.com/workfromhome>.

We will endeavour to ensure work is uploaded there for your child, however, please do bear in mind, that if staff are ill, or are looking after their own children who are ill, this cannot be guaranteed.

It is essential that GCSE students complete their work. We cannot provide any guarantee that examination boards will take this health issue or school closures into account.

Should your child become unwell, please follow the following instructions;

- Call NHS 111 and follow their advice re isolation.
- Call school on 0161 7643186 and inform them of your child's symptoms and whether they are undergoing a test for the virus or whether they have been confirmed as positive for the virus after testing.

Should school not close and the Easter holidays arrive, we are conscious that many of you may choose to fly abroad for holidays. In this instance, we will be following the guidelines below;

- People who have returned from category 1 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days before they return to school
- People who have returned from category 2 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days will be asked to stay at home if they develop symptoms – the full list of category 1 and category 2 countries can be found on the government website.

As an important part of our school community, I would ask that you encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing at home and keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection, such as coughing and sneezing into tissues, disposing of the tissues and then washing their hands plus avoiding touching their mouth and eyes without washing their hands.

Unless your child has tested positive for the coronavirus (and hasn't been exposed to anyone with the virus), they should attend school as usual (unless they are too unwell due to an unrelated illness), as per the current government advice.

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"*

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Should the school need to close, you will be informed via email or text and the information will be placed on the school's website under 'parents'. If this closure does occur in the school day, staff will supervise your children until we either have your permission for them to travel home, or you are able to collect them.

We would like to reiterate that these are only preventative measures, in place to anticipate any occurrences of coronavirus within the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. B. Corrigan'.

Lisa Corrigan  
Headteacher