



St John Fisher Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family are well and enjoyed the half-term break.

In response to the National Lockdown which is due to commence on Thursday 5th November, and in order to keep our students and staff as safe as possible, we will now require that the use of face coverings is compulsory in corridors and communal areas by staff, students and visitors to the school.

This includes:

- When entering the school building until students are seated in their classroom
- When moving around the corridors/to the toilets at any time between lessons and at break times
- Whilst queuing for food at lunch times*
- When leaving the school and until students have exited the school buildings

*Once students are seated in the classroom/dining room, they can remove their face covering.

Students are also be expected to wear face coverings on school and public transport. Students will not be required to wear face coverings in lessons or outside the school building during breaks and lunch times.

The government has provided details of exemptions to the requirement to wear face coverings. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Please contact us by emailing office@sjfchs.org.uk if your child is unable to wear a face covering for one of the reasons outlined in the guidance.

The expectation is that all members of the school community, and visitors to the school, will wear face coverings with immediate effect from 8 a.m. on Thursday 5th November.

This week we have revisited and reinforced the COVID-19 safety messages, which were communicated to staff and students at the beginning of term. Please be assured that we continue to implement all the safety measures which are outlined in the Government/DfE school opening guidance, and in accordance with advice from NYCC. We will update our school COVID-19 risk-assessment in response to further developments and ensure this is made available to parents/carers on the school website.





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Since the school risk assessment requires all students to be outside of the school building during breaks and lunch times (except during inclement weather), please ensure your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof jacket.

We appreciate that the announcement of a new national lockdown will be worrying for many students, parents/carers and staff. Following the decision to keep schools open, we will keep you up to date with any further information from the Government and DFE and will inform you of any further developments.

We have been extremely impressed with the maturity and resilience that all our students have shown as they have adapted to the new school day. Our teaching and support staff have demonstrated a remarkable flexibility and commitment to providing a full curriculum, to adapting the delivery of lessons and providing strong pastoral care for all our students - despite the unprecedented challenges which we have all faced. We are therefore confident that we can respond equally well to any challenges which we may face in the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and patience during these uncertain times.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Mort
Headteacher

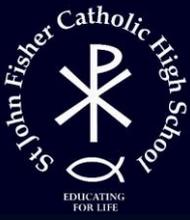
Additional Information:

Do not send your child to school if they, or someone in their household are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.

Arrange a test if you or a member of your household shows symptoms. Inform us of the results. If the test result is positive, follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID19) infection and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>





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Please inform us of a positive COVID-19 student case by e-mailing covid@sjfchs.org.uk

Please note – due to the Year 11 pre-public examinations, we will be unable to provide cold meals e.g. sandwiches, pasta and salads on 11th, 12th and 13th November. Hot meals only will be available on these days. However, the usual provision will be in place for those students who bring a pa

