

Our Ref : SL./JET  
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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Current School Planning Linked to the National Coronavirus Situation**

This letter is to summarise for you the school's current planning in these exceptional circumstances. The school is following the advice from the Local Authority and the Department for Education.

Advice is still to focus on hygiene and hand washing. Notices are on view all around the school and we urge you to reinforce the importance of hand washing with your child/children. Currently the NHS instructions are that if anyone develops a new dry cough or a fever they should stay away from others for seven days minimum. Messages to Mrs Frost (Attendance) should say that the child is in isolation due to either a temperature or a new cough. Siblings who attend All Saints School should also stay off for this period of time. Messages to Mrs Frost should explain the reason why.

The Department of Education (DfE), England has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- Phone: 0800 046 8687
- Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)
- Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The following events are scheduled to take place before the end of term:

- Drama Workshop at the Crucible Theatre 18 March – at the time of writing, still going ahead
- Year 9 Retreat 18-20 March – at the time of writing, still going ahead
- Year 9 and Year 10 cup final football matches 21 March, at the time of writing, still going ahead
- EPQ Fair 25 March – internal event only now (staff and students)
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Navigation Day 28 March – at the time of writing, still going ahead
- Dance Show 31 March – postponed – tickets will carry forward
- Year 12 Geography fieldwork 1-3 April – at the time of writing, still going ahead – further information will follow if there is a change
- Year 11 and Year 13 Parents' Evening 6 April – cancelled

At this time there is no information about any possible national school closures. If this was to be announced, the school has systems in place to inform parents, using the Parent App, text, Twitter and the school website. If parents hear national information via other means, please do not contact school as we will be acting upon it and will have all staff fully engaged. If you are not currently engaging with the App, we strongly recommend that you do so, by downloading MyEd from your Apps store and selecting All Saints Catholic High School, S2 2RJ.



Work will be set for students to complete at home using Show My Homework and/or email. The school's VLE will be a reference point for tasks and websites will be recommended.

### **Year 11 and Year 13**

These year groups will be most concerned about how this will affect external examinations and progression routes. Should there be national school closures this will be the same for every school and every student. The Government and the Joint Council for Qualifications will advise schools on how to progress. Universities will also be aware of how this will impact on their offers of places.

All students in these key year groups must now be focused on revision activities. They will be supported remotely if there is a national closure programme.

Communication will continue to be via the methods listed above. At present we do not have all the answers to queries, but we are monitoring all information sources generally.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S P Pender'.

S P Pender  
Headteacher