



All Saints Catholic High School

Headteacher: Mr A. McGuinness

10th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

During what continues to be a very different school week for the staff and pupils at All Saints, I must inform you that unfortunately we have been notified that 2 of our pupils have tested positive for Covid-19.

It is important for you to know that the 2 cases are in separate year groups, 1 in Year 9 and the other in Year 10. They are entirely unrelated, which according to advice from Public Health England means that **we do not have an outbreak at All Saints.**

I must reassure you that we are stringently sticking to the guidance provided by external bodies like Public Health England and being supported in this by Knowsley Local Authority. Under my direction, staff in our school are being extremely methodical to ensure the external expert advice that we receive on a daily basis is being followed very carefully.

As a result of the positive tests, the 2 pupils concerned will not come to school until we believe it is safe enough for them to return. Similarly, our classroom seating plans have allowed us to quickly identify all other pupils and staff who have come into close contact with them, and they are also required to self isolate at home for a period of 14 days from their last date of contact.

Please also be assured that if you have not been contacted by school directly about this matter, then we do not believe that your child is a close contact of either of the infected pupils, and is not in any direct risk of infection.

I firmly believe that we are doing everything possible within our school environment to reduce the risk of infection and keep your children and our staff as safe as we can at this time. For this reason, we are reviewing our systems and processes daily, and the introduction of masks/face coverings this week is an example of this.

On a more positive note, the vast majority of our pupils continue to respond well to the new measures we have put in place, as they are coming to school every day, seeing their friends and enjoying their lessons. Our aim is for this to continue and to provide the best possible experience for every pupil during this difficult time, and of course, when life returns to normal for all of us.

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Thank you again for your understanding and support, and I will keep you updated regularly as our situation changes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. MSC', enclosed in a light blue oval highlight.

Mr T McGuinness
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