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**ST HILDA'S**  
CE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

## PLEASE NOTE OUR WEBSITE UPDATES

<http://www.st-hildas.co.uk/covid-19-information/>

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As we start our new school year you will notice there are many changes in how we are operating as a school. We are following government guidance and putting in several controls to minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19. You can see a full copy of our Covid-19 risk assessment on our website. We will regularly review our risk assessment as guidance from the government is updated.

Whilst the government have indicated that the prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased the NHS Test and Trace system is up and running is important that our whole school community work together to protect each other.

We have organised our school to keep students in clear and consistent 'bubbles'. This will help us as a school to limit the number of contacts children have with different people whilst still delivering an effective curriculum. We have considered the age of our children and their curriculum needs as well as the logistics of our school site in order to determine the size of our 'bubbles'. Every school will have had to do this, and each school will determine the best way to do this for their school community. We have decided that years 7-11 are individual bubbles and years 12 and 13 are a bubble together.

Since the lockdown started in March, each of us will have had different experiences and we ask that everyone in our school community is respectful of each other and their individual feelings. If you are dropping off or picking your child up from school, we ask that you respect other people and comply with social distancing guidance. I have outlined this in my 'return to school' booklet.

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you and your children can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

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## Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

It is important that outside of school we all follow the government guidance around Covid-19, particularly the Stay at Home guidance below and do not bring your child into school.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

If you do keep your child off school due to Covid-19 symptoms please ensure that you let us know this when you register your child's absence on [attendance@st-hildas.co.uk](mailto:attendance@st-hildas.co.uk) As a school if your child is off school due to confirmed or suspected Covid-19 we will provide school work so they can keep up their studies.

If your child has a positive test result out of school hours, please confirm this by emailing [covid@st-hildas.co.uk](mailto:covid@st-hildas.co.uk) This email address is monitored outside of school hours by a small team of staff. If we need to contact parents and carers as a result of the information received, we can do that before students attend the next day.

If your child presents Covid-19 symptoms in school we will take your child to a safe area in school and contact you immediately to pick them up. Please make sure that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

### **It is vitally important that anyone who presents with Covid-19 symptoms get tested as soon as possible.**

If someone from within school is confirmed with Covid-19 we will get in touch with the parents and carers of any children who have been in close contact with this person. This is likely to be children from their class or 'bubble'. These students will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. Other members of the household **do not** need to self-isolate, unless your child also develops symptoms. Full details and instructions will be provided at the time. We will also send information to our wider school community as a reminder to our families of what actions you can take to reduce the spread of the virus.

I would like to close by reminding all of us that we have a role to play to ensure that our children and school community remain safe.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Yours sincerely,



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