

Saint Ambrose College

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School

Principal: Mr D. Rainey B.Ed (Hons)



17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support as we manage this current situation caused by the spread of the Coronavirus.

As circumstances may change quickly, we will try to keep you updated as regularly as possible via ParentMail but if you use Twitter you may also wish to follow the Principal account (@PrincipalSAC) for any information that reaches us outside of school hours.

As things stand, we are able to operate a full teaching timetable and boys should prepare for lessons in the usual manner.

Our absence figures are understandably higher than usual and a number of parents/carers of absentees have been requesting for work to be sent home. With the situation we are in, staff are already going over and above what is required and are pivotal in ensuring that we can still operate a full timetable. There isn't the capacity to set work for all absentees but staff will add lesson slides/notes to MILK where possible. Please see the Learning Programmes on the website for general guidance on current content and topics: <https://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk/page/?title=Learning+Programmes&pid=49>

We are continuing to adapt our contingency plans should the College be required to close. We are currently discussing a system with a leading supermarket chain to ensure all students entitled to Free School Meals receive vouchers on a daily basis.

Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- If you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- If you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- For anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

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The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The Prime Minister's statement from Monday 16 March can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-on-coronavirus-16-march-2020>

Thank you for your continued support. Please adhere to the guidance and contact the relevant authorities if there are any uncertainties.

Wishing everyone the best of health.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dennis Rainey'.

Mr D Rainey
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