



# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

*"Lord be thy word my rule."*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the government announced an end to all remaining COVID restrictions that were in place. The legal duty to isolate if symptomatic with one of the 3 main symptoms or if a positive test for COVID is confirmed is now advice rather than law. Under current Public Health advice, it remains essential that if your child is displaying any of the typical COVID symptoms;

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

you do NOT bring them to school and book them a **PCR test**. They must not come into school until the result is known. Please understand that although the law has changed the advice to self-isolate has not. In order for us to stay as safe as possible we are asking you to support us just like you have always done.

If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we will send them home and they should follow public health advice and get a PCR test. If a positive test is confirmed, they should stay at home. On day 5 they can start doing the LFD tests. If 2 negative tests can be produced 24hrs apart they can and should return to school, if they are well enough. On day 11 they can return to school irrelevant of the LFD result.

We are very excited that we can welcome parents back into school for assemblies and events. However, as with children if you have any symptoms or have Covid we kindly ask that you do not come to school.

I should like to thank you all for your support and hope you will join our prayers that we are on the right path towards returning to normality.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rigby  
Principal

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