



ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC FIRST SCHOOL

Learning, loving and living together with Christ

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take the opportunity to update you on Covid-19 following the latest Government announcements. Thank you to everyone who continues to social distance and wear a face mask on the school premises.

- You will have noticed we now have lamp post signs on the school site reminding you to social distance.
- We encourage all parents/carers to wear a face mask covering their nose and mouth when on the school site and you must wear one if you need to come to the school office. This is an Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic MAC decision. See guidance below on how to wear a face covering correctly.
- During the school day when moving round school and in communal areas staff are wearing face masks or visors.
- Coronavirus is most infectious before people start to have any symptoms. This means that someone can have the virus without knowing about it and easily pass it on. They won't be aware of the risk to other people until it's too late. The website below will help you find out how to reduce this risk. After a bit of practice the ideas and advice in Germ Defence will become habits and they will help protect you from coronavirus - and other germs in the future.

You can access the website at: <https://www.germdefence.org/>

- Please remember our COVID-19 out of hours line: **07436 816 015**. This number can be called between the hours of 5.00pm on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday before 9.00pm. Please only call or text this number if your child is a pupil at St Thomas More Catholic First School and they test positive or are displaying symptoms. Please call 01527 525821 or email office@st-thomasmore.worcs.sch.uk during working hours to inform us of Covid-19 related matters.
- As we are currently in a National Lockdown, we would discourage parents gathering outside the school gate to chat. Please drop or collect your child and leave promptly.
- Please ensure your child is warmly dressed or has layers. To reduce infection rates, we need to open outside doors and windows throughout the day.
- To minimise the risk of cross contamination, taps are disinfected whenever drinking bottles are filled up. If your child drinks more than one bottle a day, we encourage you to send in two drinks.
- The Government will be funding meals for children who are eligible for free school meals during the Christmas period. The arrangements are yet to be confirmed by the Local Authority. If you think you may be eligible, please contact the school office for a form or further details. Alternatively, you can apply directly at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME TO SELF ISOLATE IF ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD NEEDS TO GET A COVID TEST. ONCE YOU HAVE THE RESULTS AND IF THEY ARE NEGATIVE, YOUR CHILD CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL.

Thank you for continued support in this matter.

Miss T Moriani
Headteacher

TIPS ON HOW TO USE A FACE COVERING IN SCHOOLS

A face covering should cover your mouth and nose while allowing you to breathe comfortably. When wearing a face covering, tuck away any loose ends.



Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser before putting it on, and after use



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth at all times



Store used face coverings in a plastic bag or container until you have an opportunity to wash them (if not single use)



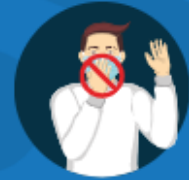
Wash face coverings regularly with other laundry, using your normal detergent (if not single use)



Dispose of single use face coverings properly



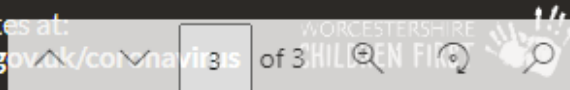
Do NOT touch the front of the face covering



Do NOT touch the part of the face covering that has been in contact with your mouth and nose



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