



St Augustine of Canterbury

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're writing to let you know that a small number of pupils as well as members of staff have self-isolated as a precautionary measure, after experiencing the symptoms of coronavirus. We wanted to reassure you about the additional steps we're now taking to make sure our community remains safe.

The school remains **open**, and we've cleaned and disinfected surfaces and objects across the school thoroughly to help prevent any viruses spreading, as we're instructed to do by Public Health England.

As well as thorough cleaning, we're also continuing to:

- Enforcing hand-washing or providing hand sanitisers
- Delivering lessons for pupils about hygiene and how to deal with anxiety
- Monitoring the health and well-being of all members of the school community
- Postponing any non-essential events to a later date to minimize the risk of spreading infection

We appreciate that you may be concerned, but we have no current reason to expect any risk to your child and you should continue sending them in if they're feeling well.

As a reminder, anyone with the following symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or
- A high temperature

If anyone in your family has experienced the above symptoms, the entire household should self-isolate for 14 days.

If your child needs to self-isolate, report this to us by either phoning the school office on 01282 426938 or emailing office@st-augustines.lancs.sch.uk. Please note we are experiencing a high volume of calls to school at the moment so we may not be able to address non-urgent enquiries as promptly as we would normally.

You can use [NHS 111 online](#) if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next. If you have any other questions or concerns, please get in touch with the school. We are constantly reviewing the advice being sent directly to school every day and have a comprehensive contingency plan during this unprecedented time.

We appreciate that this is a difficult and worrying time, and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

We'll continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. S. Colbeck
HEADTEACHER

