

St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy



Guidance for Parents and Children to Promote and Maintain Safer Working Practice During Covid-19 - Lockdown amendments

Lockdown Guidance for 5th November until further notice.
(The below changes will be implemented in school by
9th November at the latest).

The information in this lockdown guidance supersedes
the COVID guidance document.

This is a working document and will be adapted in accordance with government guidelines. All parents are asked and encouraged to follow all procedures and guidance to protect themselves, and others, by promoting social distancing in and around the school site.

We will actively advise all of our parents and children to adhere to government guidance under lock down which can be found by accessing the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#national-restrictions-from-5-november>

The school risk assessment has been updated to acknowledge the new guidance.

Below is some further guidance that supersedes the COVID guidance document:

- If you do need to speak to someone in the office, then please do so by phone or email.
- Music, dance and drama can be undertaken in school so long as safety precautions are undertaken.
- Children will remain in school for the whole day. Children will not be able to attend trips or any offsite activities.
- School remains full time for all children (some nursery may be 15hrs). Children need to come to school every day for the full day (unless self-isolating, illness or a leave of absence has been granted due to an exceptional circumstance).
- We will endeavour for the children to have some means of communication (on-line) with our Parish Priests to provide spiritual guidance. Masses, at present, will not take place.
- Visitors will not be allowed into school unless they are required to carry out essential maintenance.
- Volunteers will not be permitted in schools.
- Students on university or college placements are permitted to complete their placements as they are classed as critical workers.
- Visits to school are not permitted at this time for example, prospective parents or prospective staff.
- Children cannot be collected by anyone other than their parents or carers or someone within the support bubble.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>

or Childcare bubble (A childcare bubble is where someone in one household provides informal (unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child

aged 13 or under in another household. For any given childcare bubble, this must always be between the same two households.)

- Parents must not mix and are kindly asked that once their child has been dropped off or collected they should return home (or to work if they are unable to work from home)
- Children must be dropped off and collect on time.
- All children, wherever possible, will have access to 60 minutes daily physical activity each day this include break times and lunchtimes whenever outside the rest of the 60 minutes will be through dedicated PE lessons or additional PE. Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible.
- External coaches will still be supporting the delivery of the curriculum.
- Extra-curricular activities (that is, before and after school clubs) will be cancelled until the end of term. Note: this change does not apply to the extension of the school day for taught catch-up curricular provision and booster sessions. These sessions will continue as before. This is because bubbles will be maintained with consistent staff and also supports the staggered start and end of the school day.

Clinically Vulnerable pupils

Children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, need to attend school.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable pupils

Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow original shielding advice. Parents are advised to speak to their child's GP or specialist clinician if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place. These children will have remote learning and free school meals will be provided if eligible. (this will normally be in the form of a weekly hamper collected by parents from school).

Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still come to school.

