



*Saint Joseph's*

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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### **Information for parents regarding Attendance and Covid related absences**

All students should now attend school UNLESS they are suffering from symptoms of Covid and are awaiting a PCR test result OR have taken a Lateral Flow test that is positive and are awaiting a PCR test or result.

Students no longer need to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive, even if that is a family member. A PCR test should be booked for the first available opportunity and students should attend school until the PCR test and whilst awaiting the result. If the PCR test is positive the student should then self-isolate for 10 days, if the test is negative, the student can continue attending school.

In line with Government guidance, if a student does not attend school due to self-isolation reasons that are not listed above, the absence will be marked as unauthorised, and parents may be issued with a Penalty Fine.

Please click on the link below which will take you to the government website, where you can find the above information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance/addendum-recording-attendance-in-relation-to-coronavirus-covid-19-during-the-2021-to-2022-academic-year>

Yours faithfully

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