



2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Whole School Update**

Firstly, this has been one of the most challenging weeks for our St James' family. We now have three Year groups self-isolating at home. Years 11, 10 and 9. It is imperative that our children who are self-isolating:

- do not attend school
- do not leave the house to pick up siblings from their educational setting
- do not go out to get food or medicine
- do not leave the house to meet up with friends
- do not go out to exercise

Whilst children in the affected Year groups are self-isolating, if they develop any symptoms of coronavirus, they should book a test and inform school of the result. The symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Next week learning continues on-site for our Year 7 and 8 children whilst our remote learning continues for Years 11, 10 and 9 via the Zoom platform. For any additional information please see the letter regarding remote learning which contains contact details for technical queries, ICT equipment issues or general enquiries:

<http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Remote-Learning-info-for-website-2.pdf>

A reminder that if your child can walk, cycle or get dropped off at school they should. However, if your child continues to travel to school on a bus please speak to them about ensuring their face covering is worn for the entire journey and that they should sit with peers in their Year group.

Finally, can I ask this weekend especially, that you remember all of the St James' family in your prayers including all members affected by the Coronavirus including those that have tested positive, those children now self-isolating and all staff at St James' who are working tirelessly for your children.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher