



St Joseph's Roman Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

15th September 2020

It has come to my attention that there is a bogus social media post from someone who is not connected to St Joseph's in any way, except for the fact that they live on the same street as one of our students. This post implies that St Joseph's are covering up positive cases of Coronavirus and failing to communicate them. The purpose of this mail is to put your minds at rest and to tell you that this isn't the case, but I am sure that as a member of our community you would assume this anyway. We are in regular contact with the health protection team and would work with them in the event of a positive case and we are following government guidelines. We do have members of our community who are isolating after a member of their household developed symptoms or received a positive test but as yet we have no confirmed positive cases within our student population. If it is reported that a child has symptoms they are placed in a sanitised ventilated room and asked (along with their household) to isolate until they receive test results. In the case of a positive test they would need to isolate for 10 days and their household for 14 days. We keep a log of student symptoms, whether they have had tests and monitor the required isolation period so that students don't return to school before it is safe to do so.

Please be assured that if we hear of a positive case we will contact you as soon as possible with the actions we will be taking in collaboration with the health protection team. This may be in school hours or out of hours. You do not need to rely on dubious social media gossip for information.

If a student receives a positive test out of hours please alert us on the emergency email address: Safeguarding safeguarding@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely

Mr T McCabe

Headteacher

