



Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

5th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support by keeping pupils in year's 7, 8 and 9 at home today to help us to manage our school safely during these challenging times.

I can report that over the weekend we have had a further two confirmed cases of COVID 19 here at SEA. Pupils and staff that need to self-isolate as a consequence of close contact with these people have been spoken to by a member of school staff and will receive a letter in the post tomorrow confirming this.

I am now in a position due to a significant number of staff that needs to self-isolate where I need to instigate a rota system for pupils for the next two weeks ending on Friday 16th October 2020.

Year 11 continue to attend school daily as usual and follow their timetable.

Year 10 attend school on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October and learn from home via MS teams on the other days.

Year 9 attend school on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October and learn from via MS Teams on the other days.

Year 8 attend school on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October and learn from via MS Teams on the other days

Year 7 attend school on Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October and learn from via MS Teams on the other days.

All being well all pupils will return to school and resume their usual timetable on Monday 19th October 2020 (Timetable week 2)

There are some exceptions to this rule;

- Pupils that have been told to self-isolate **MUST** stay at home until the date their isolation period ends.
- Pupils who are classed as vulnerable for a variety of reasons will be contacted by school staff and instructed to attend daily, regardless of the rota.
- If you are a key worker, and your child has not been instructed to self-isolate you can request a key worker place by contacting school and asking to speak to Mrs Helme.

During the summer term staff became very familiar with using MS Teams to set work for year 10. All pupils were given a pack with their log in details during the week beginning 16th September and have had an opportunity to practice logging on to MS Teams during their computing/ICT lesson or during form time.

This platform allows staff to set work for their classes, pupils to communicate with their staff, send them work and staff to respond. All work will be set on this platform.

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If your child has any issues logging on then please contact school.

If your child has made us aware that they do not have a device to work on or internet access at home they may be offered a loan device or requested to come to school daily.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to a free school meal they can come and collect a grab bag from school on the days we are asking them to work from home, as long as they are not self-isolating. The national voucher system has ended so collecting a grab bag is the only option.

If your child is eligible and you would like them to collect the grab bag when they are working from home please call school before the end of the day on Wednesday 7th October and inform us of this. Please ask to speak to Mrs Helme, or email admin@seaonline.org.uk

Collection times will be as follows

Year 7 11am-11.10am

Year 8 11.10am-11.20am

Year 9 11.20am -11.30am

Year 10 11.30am -11.40am

Governors and I have not taken this decision lightly and it had been made to ensure we continue to put in place our COVID 19 secure operating procedures and the general health and safety procedures while continuing to provide a learning opportunity that is relevant to your child's current learning journey. We have ensured that we have followed Department for Education guidance when making this decision.

Please encourage your child to log in daily and complete the work that is set. Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Pinnington', written in a cursive style.

H Pinnington (Mrs)

Headteacher