

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As mentioned in our earlier communications, we have a number of staff who are absent due to having tested positive for Covid-19. We have sought advice and continue to maintain as safe an environment as we possibly can in school.

Unfortunately, we have had to take the decision to close the school for **all Year 8 students tomorrow, Wednesday 23 March 2022**. All work will be set remotely using the homework function on the VLE and students should be familiar with how to access this. BGN remains open for all other year groups, **including Year 9 who will return to school tomorrow**, and your child should continue to attend as normal, if they remain well. All students and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding Covid-19. We are sorry that we have had to remove another year group to remote learning this week.

Obviously we will continue to keep the situation under review and it is possible that we may need to close BGN for other year groups in the coming days. We will endeavour to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum for individual year groups. We will, of course, prioritise support for exam groups.

## **What to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 or tests positive for Covid-19**

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, they should get a PCR test via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119 and remain at home at least until the result is known. If the test is positive, stay at home and follow the guidance [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and inform BGN School of the result in the usual manner by contacting our Attendance Officer.

More information on symptoms is available: [Main symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#). If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

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If your child has a positive LFD test please report this test [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). They should stay at home and follow the guidance [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). A confirmatory PCR test is not required.

### **How to stop Covid-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with Covid-19: [Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- Get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over are eligible – see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) for more details and how to book.
- Wash your hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- Open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- Wear a face covering when it is hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors, or in crowded places

As always, we thank you for your continued patience and support.

Yours sincerely



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