

If a student or staff member becomes unwell in school:

- Any Student displaying COVID-19 symptoms will be accompanied to our isolation room.
- Parents/guardians will be notified if they need to collect their son. They are not permitted to travel on public transport.
- It's important that isolation procedures are then adhered to by the entire family until your family doctor has been consulted.
- If an individual has been isolated then sent home, the school must receive notification from the staff member/student's G.P. before he/she can return to the school.

What happens if there's a COVID-19 positive case in or associated with, our school community?

In the event that a student or staff member tests positive for the virus, the HSE will notify St. David's. In turn, all students, staff and parents/guardians will be notified without delay by the school.

Take care of your emotional and mental well-being

This is a challenging time for everyone; be patient, have respect for those around you and speak with your family, friends, year head, deputy principal and the school's counsellor (Ms. M. Rowan).

All these measures are aimed at protecting both you, school staff and your families.



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St. David's CBS Protocols *For Students*

*“Let's keep our
community safe”*



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How COVID-19 spreads

- You can get the virus if you come into close contact with someone who has the virus.
- It is spread through droplets that come from your nose and mouth. For example, from someone who is coughing, sneezing, talking loudly, singing or shouting.
- You can also get the virus from surfaces, for example when someone who has the virus sneezes. Droplets containing the virus can fall onto surfaces around them. If you touch that surface and then touch your eyes, nose or mouth, you could become infected too.

General advice to protect yourself

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water or use an alcohol based hand rub if your hands are not visibly dirty.
- Practice good respiratory hygiene that is, when coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue-discard tissue immediately into a closed bin and clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- Maintain physical distancing between yourself and other people, particularly those who are coughing, sneezing etc.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth-if you touch your eyes, nose or mouth with your contaminated hands, you can transfer the virus from the surface to yourself.
- The most important action we can take to protect ourselves from COVID-19 is regular Hand washing and Good Respiratory Hygiene.
- To ensure everyone stays safe use your judgement & take personal responsibility.

Important Information

- If your son (or anyone in your household is / becomes unwell- please keep them at home and notify the school immediately.
- Any student/family that has been overseas during August must have completed two weeks of quarantine before returning to the school community. Please email or phone the school and notify us if this applies to you and/or your son.

- If a student/family member or close contact is suspected to have Covid-19, it is vital that the student does not attend school before consulting with your family G.P. and that you notify the school reception by telephone without delay.

Each Morning at Home:

- Take your temperature. If it's above 37.6°C stay at home, notify the school of your absence and call your GP for further advice.
- If you've developed a cough or chest infection in recent days, stay at home, notify the school and speak with your GP before returning to school.
- If anyone at home has a temperature or has developed a cough, stay at home, notify the school and consult your GP before returning to St. David's.
- Make sure to have your own personal hand sanitiser before you leave home.
- Make sure to have your own face mask whether you are travelling to school on public transport or not.

COVID-19 Hygiene:

- Always cough and sneeze into your elbow.
- Tissues and hand sanitisers are provided in all classrooms.
- Wash your hands and sanitise them after using the toilet or touching shared items.
- Sanitise your hands at regular intervals.
- Avoid handshakes, physical contact with others in the school community where possible as this increases the risk of transmission.
- Every time you leave a desk or sit down at a new one (for optional subjects and levels) clean your desk with an antibacterial wipe.

Changes to school life

- Students and staff must walk on the left hand side of the corridor and staircase. This is to avoid congestion. Move quickly between classes, do not stop to chat with other students, maintain social distancing as much as possible and wear your face coverings.

- There is a maximum of 24 students in each class. Many classes have less than 20.
- Students now have base classes.
- When you change classrooms, clean the desk you are leaving with an antibacterial wipe (available in all classrooms) and then clean the desk in your next classroom before settling in.
- Classroom chairs and desks have been socially distanced for everyone's safety. Please ensure your desk stays in the position it has been assigned to.
- You are required to wear a face covering in school. You should have 2 for each day - one for morning and a fresh one for the afternoon.
- See posters around school for correct procedures relating to all COVID-19 information.
- Breakfast is available from 8:00- 8:30 every morning. A maximum of 40 students can sit in the lunchroom. Other students may collect and go.
- A small snack will be provided at 10:45. This is available at 3 exits (Bottom of black stairs, student main exit/entrance and bottom of student main stairs)
- Lunch is available from 12:55 -1:35 (Bottom of black stairs, student main exit/entrance and bottom of student main stairs).
- All students must remain outside the building at break time and lunchtime (Arrangements are in place for rainy days)
- Lockers have been removed to afford physical distancing. (Only 1st years have lockers in their classrooms).
- A restricted number of students are allowed in the toilet at any one time. If possible please access toilet during class time.
- 2 extra hand washing facilities are in place and hand sanitisers are in each classroom and throughout the building.
- We have hired extra hygiene staff.
- Water fountains have been removed so please bring your own water.
- Weather depending students will be outdoors for their breaks. Please have your school jacket with you every day.