



# St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and, whilst there have been no reported cases at the school to date, we wish to reassure you that measures are being taken in line with current advice from the UK's Chief Medical Officer, Flintshire County Council and Wales Government.

As a school, we continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene and respectfully request that you support this at home too. Further advice and information can be found via these links

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Cleaning arrangements within the school have been further enhanced and regular checks of all toilets ensure that there is soap available in every toilet throughout the day. Please contact the school if your child reports that this is not the case. Our extra-curricular activities will be closely monitored and, where necessary, events and activities will be postponed or cancelled. This means that the Year 9 options evening scheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March and all school sporting fixtures are cancelled. Further advice regarding school trips will be issued on an individual basis.

Whilst we are currently adhering to advice and remaining open as a school, we are mindful of the fact that closure may be inevitable in the coming weeks. All school closures will be recorded on the Flintshire County Council website in a similar way to closures for severe weather. It is also vital that we have updated contact details for every pupil and so please inform the school office if your details have recently changed. In order to prepare for such an eventuality, we are in the process of collating on line and hard copies of learning material, including revision resources for pupils about to embark upon external examinations. We have been advised that Qualifications Wales is monitoring the situation and we will remain in regular contact with the WJEC regarding any further advice and updates. Staff have been asked to reflect upon any future meetings or events which may take them out of school and to rearrange commitments in order to maximise current teaching opportunities for our learners.

As I am sure you will appreciate, the protocol of "social distancing" in a school is very difficult to introduce, however, our programme for daily acts of collective worship involving large groups will be postponed for the foreseeable future and will instead take place in from groups.



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We will continue to liaise with the local authority regarding our response to the virus and will provide updates as and when they arise. Please follow us on Twitter [@srgchs](#) and please check your inbox regularly for any emails/updates you may receive from us.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to work together to provide a safe environment for our school community. We continue to pray for the best outcome, while preparing for every eventuality.

Yours sincerely

Catherine McCormack  
Headteacher

## General Prayer for Health

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

## Prayer for those in Authority

Loving God, in Christ Jesus, the servant of all, you call us to the service of others. Grant to those who govern the community the skill to recognise its urgent needs and the strength to pursue the common good. Endow us all with patience and courage, that we may care for the suffering, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and sustain the needy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for Staff Working in the Health Service

Wondrous God, author of life, you fashioned us in your likeness and breathed into us the life which is your own. Be with those whose special care is the health of mind and body. Fill their hearts with awe for the life that is your gift and sustain them daily in your service, that their hands may bring to others the comfort of your healing touch. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer for those Affected

Merciful God, come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.