



# St. Joseph's RC High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the final two weeks of this half term, I would like, once again, to thank you for your support and to compliment you on the way in which your children are conducting themselves. We have been so impressed with the positive attitude, hard work and exemplary behaviour shown by students on their return to school.

### **Covid-19**

At the time of writing, we will have 20 children who, having tested positive, will be self-isolating on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. At present, although the number of cases is relatively low at St Joseph's, it is important that we all continue to test twice a week in order to contain the spread of the virus.

We have been advised by the Local Authority that, following rising case numbers in parts of the city, it has been decided to raise risk levels in schools across Newport to moderate. You will recall that we were at low mitigation level as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, and Wales remains at Covid level zero nationally. You will also be aware, from my letter at the start of term, that despite being at risk level zero, we maintained a number of our original mitigation measures including:

- Face masks being worn in communal areas
- Split lunch arrangements
- Specific zoned areas during lunch times with the addition of new covered seating areas
- One way system
- No year group assemblies
- Consistent seating plans
- Forward facing desk arrangements in classrooms
- Cleaning undertaken throughout the school day
- The recommendation and provision of frequent Lateral Flow Tests for staff and pupils
- Hand sanitiser in every classroom and toilet area – combined with the promotion of good hygiene.

These measures will remain in place, and we continue to monitor the situation closely, recording each positive case with TTP Wales and following all guidance accordingly.

I am sure that there will be bumps in the road ahead as we enter Autumn and Winter. However, please be reassured that we are fully prepared for whatever the immediate future holds and will endeavour to continue providing the very best education to our students whilst making sure we follow up to date Welsh Government guidance.

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## **Congratulations**

Following Mr Ryan's secondment on to the Senior Leadership Team as an Assistant Headteacher, Mr James, our current Head of Year 8, has been appointed as seconded Head of Sixth Form. Miss Myles will take on the role of seconded Head of Year 8. These posts will commence from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. At St Joseph's, we are committed to doing all we can to ensure that all our students are supported, both in terms of their wellbeing, and academically. We are incredibly fortunate to have a team of such committed pastoral leads who are determined to guide, nurture and support the students in their care. I know that Mr James and Miss Miles are eager to get started in their new role and will be dedicated to ensuring the very best care and guidance for the students in their care.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett

Headteacher

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