

Dear parents/carers,

We are writing to confirm that we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at St James School at this time and that the School will be open this week as normal, unless there are closures at a national level. Please continue to check emails or the school website for the latest accurate information from the School.

However, due to the current situation, we have decided to postpone the year 8 options evening that was due to take place on Tuesday 17th March. We will keep you informed of the new date when it is confirmed. Please rest assured that the pupils' options will not be affected by this postponement.

Last week, we introduced additional measures to reduce any spread in the School, including additional cleaning that focuses on touch-surfaces, such as banisters, light switches and door handles. The Sodexo team are cleaning throughout the day to support us. We have also provided additional soap and spoken to tutor groups about the importance of handwashing, particularly before eating and after using the toilet. We would appreciate it if you could reiterate this at home.

We are aware of a very small number of families that are understandably self-isolating due to the latest advice regarding a persistent cough or presenting with a fever. If you or your child/ren are self-isolating, please do keep us fully informed so that we can keep in contact and continue to support you and your child/ren. Please follow all normal procedures for absence. The options are to call 01392 209922 and to leave a message, to log the absence using the Xpressions App or by emailing attendance@stjamesexeter.co.uk

There is the possibility that schools may be asked to shut in the coming weeks. We want to assure you that if this occurs, we have contingency plans in place that will allow our pupils to continue studying their curriculum, and for year 10 and 11 pupils to continue preparing to sit their GCSEs. Our plans also include additional support for some of our most vulnerable families and pupils.

If you have any concerns regarding any of the above please contact headteacher@stjamesexeter.co.uk and we will get back to you as quickly as we can.

Best wishes,



Lindsay Skinner
Headteacher

