

St Cuthbert Mayne School

Joint Catholic and Church of England 11-18 Comprehensive School Dioceses of Plymouth and Exeter

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Dear Parent/Carer.

Update - Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Over the last few weeks we have been sending out updates via e-mail and our social media channels with the latest information advice and guidance regarding the Coronavirus. It is important that all parents keep up to date with the latest information. You can find the latest information, advice and guidance by clicking on the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

At the time of writing we have no confirmed or suspected cases of Coronavirus in school and we are continuing with business as usual. The current situation across the UK is very dynamic and changing constantly, so should our position as a school change at any time we will communicate with parents via the usual communication channels. Please ensure your contact details are up to date with our Reception Team so we are able to make contact with you.

The school will only ever close in response to Coronavirus when instructed to do so by Public Health England. In the event of a School Closure, parents will be informed via e-mail, the school website and via our social media channels. We will keep parents updated throughout any closure via these channels of communication. During any closure students will be expected to continue with their learning especially those preparing for exams this summer. Teachers have been planning for such an eventuality in the hope of minimising the disruption to learning.

In response to the outbreak of Coronavirus in the UK we have taken the opportunity to promote good hygiene through increased signage around the school. We will continue to encourage students to wash their hands regularly at break and lunchtimes. Parents are asked to support us by reminding their children of this. We have also employed an additional day time cleaner to ensure that all surfaces are cleaned on a daily basis in addition to our regular daily cleaning routine.

We have noticed that a number of children are getting quite anxious about the outbreak of Coronavirus. To support parents and teachers in talking to students about the Coronavirus, the Educational Psychology Team have produced some guidance for staff and parents to use. Please find this included with this e-mail.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Down Headteacher









