



# St Bede's Catholic High School

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## September School Re-Opening Guidance re: COVID-19

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you have all had a restful summer break and that you continue to enjoy what is left of it.

With regard to the return to school next week, we have continued to follow the government's guidance on the matter. As such, the risk assessment has been significantly changed and this is now posted on the school website (<https://www.sbchs.co.uk/covid-key-information/>).

We have been updated on the change in guidance relating to self-isolation. This update is as follows for children under 18 and fully vaccinated adults within our school community:

### Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case in all education and childcare sectors

From Monday 16 August unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so individuals can attend their setting as usual.

Children and young people who attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend their setting as normal.

18-year-olds will be treated in the same way as children and young people until 6 months after their 18th birthday, to allow them the opportunity to get fully vaccinated. At which point, they will be subject to the same rules as adults and so if they choose not to get vaccinated, they will need to self-isolate if identified as a close contact.

The following links have updated frequently asked questions on changes to contact tracing of close contacts and self-isolation. These can all be found on the document sharing platforms for [primary and early years](#), [secondary schools](#), [further education and higher education](#) and [children's social care](#).

We hope that this academic year will be one without the same level of disruption to the children's learning. Please do contact us if you have any questions which you feel have not been answered in the linked documents shared above.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Denton,

Headteacher