

St Charles RC Primary School

COVID-19 Update for Health and Safety Policy

2020



Our mission at St. Charles RC Primary School is to try and centre our life in Jesus Christ, the spiritual foundation of our community.

We aim to pass on the faith we share in partnership with you.

We want the children in our care to grow and develop to their full potential within a caring Catholic community which recognises fully their true worth and God given talents. We look forward to working with you in a spirit of mutual trust and support.

We take pride belonging to St. Charles RC Primary School.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love

Introduction

From 20th March 2020, parent were asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible and for schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response – who absolutely need to attend. From June 1st 2020 some children will return to school.

Key contacts

Role	Name	Contact number	Email
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The Bridge	Salford Council	0161 603 3500 8.30-4.30pm 0161 794 8888 Emergency duty team	https://www.salford.gov.uk/children-and-families/safeguarding-children/worried-about-a-child/

Context

At St Charles RC, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

Preventing the spread of infection

These are general principles Public Health England advises anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

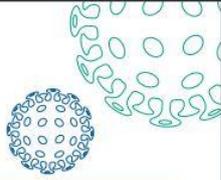
- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

- see further information on the [Public Health England Blog](#) and the [NHS UK website](#).



Public Health England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education



How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.



After using the toilet



Before leaving home

✓ Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

✓ Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles

✓ If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days. If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice. Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.



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Measures we are taking in school

We have significantly increased the cleaning of the school building. Our hand washing areas remain well-stocked and we have talked to all children about how to properly wash their hands, placing posters in key areas to remind us all to maintain good hygiene.

Coronavirus

**Wash your hands
with soap and water
more often
for 20 seconds**

Use a tissue to turn off the tap.
Dry hands thoroughly.



Palm to palm



The backs of hands



In between the fingers



The back of the fingers



The thumbs



The tips of the fingers



All visitors and staff have been asked to wash their hands on entry and exit of the school building. Classrooms and toilets will continue to receive additional cleaning throughout each day.

If you become unwell

If you or any of your children become unwell and have symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19), which are recent onset of a:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

Please follow the Public Health England [Stay at Home Guidance](#)

Please inform us that you have symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) and that you are self-isolating so that we can take the correct action in school.

In the event of school closure

School will remain open until we receive guidance to the contrary. Decisions regarding school closure will be communicated via this website, by text and email and on Google Classroom.

We are preparing to provide work for your children should we have to close the school for any length of time and we feel that we are well prepared for this situation, with excellent learning platforms in place. We will use Google Classroom to enable staff to share home learning opportunities and we will also provide educational packs where appropriate.

Equal Opportunities

St Charles RC Primary School has universal ambitions for every child, whatever their background or circumstances. Children learn and thrive when they are healthy, safe and engaged. In order to engage all children, cultural diversity, home languages, gender and religious beliefs are all celebrated.

Our curriculum includes a wide range of texts and other resources which represent the diversity and backgrounds of all our children. We believe in 'valuing what the child brings to school' and recognise the importance of supporting a child's first language, not only to foster self-esteem, but to assist in the learning of English.