

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following yesterday's announcement from the Prime Minister, St Paul's Academy will remain open in line with Government and Public Health England guidance.

In line with guidance, anyone with a new and persistent cough, and/or a high temperature should self-isolate and stay away from school for at least 7 days. Further information from the Government can be found [at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection).

I know we are all very mindful of the preventative measures that we can take, but I would like to reiterate that hand washing is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, along with the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. Please encourage your child to follow the guidelines of handwashing and the use of hand sanitiser containing at least 60% alcohol.

Please be assured we will keep you regularly updated via In Touch and by the placing of information on the school website.

Thank you for your co-operation and support in the difficult and challenging circumstances we find ourselves in.

Kind regards,

**Miss S Malone - Principal**