



St Catherine's Catholic School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We recognise that students and parents will be concerned about the possible impact of Coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Ofqual's advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

Ofqual, the exam regulatory body, continues to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education to plan for a range of scenarios, as you would expect. Their overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

Ofqual have stated that it is still many weeks until exams start and they will issue updated advice if necessary, giving us, and therefore you, as much notice as possible.

The advice to educational settings remains the same as it has previously and that school closures at the moment are not necessary.

We have received advice from the Diocese of Southwark regarding preventative behaviour during mass which we will be following. The principle measures that affect us in school are that the exchange of the sign of peace at Mass is suspended and that Holy Communion is given in the hand only. In addition, as with general advice, Clergy and extraordinary ministers will wash or sanitise their hands before and after distributing Communion.

We have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus at the school, and remain vigilant in encouraging your daughters to wash their hands regularly.

We will of course update you as and when we receive any notification from Public Health England.

Yours sincerely,

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