



St Louise's
Comprehensive College, Belfast
A Specialist College



Safety matters

Key Messages October 2020

In partnership with parents, guardians, governors, staff and students St Louise's promotes excellence in learning and teaching within a Catholic, Vincentian, Comprehensive ethos

Excellence	Flexible	Integrated	Holistic	Creative	Focused	Collaborative	Person Orientated
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St Louise's
College
A Centre of Excellence



RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCE



WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY
AND THOROUGHLY



BE KIND

COVID-19
BE AWARE

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP
KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

IT'S
CORONA
VIRUS
TO FIGHT
THIS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Everyone has a role to play in stopping the spread of COVID-19.
Here's how you can help keep our schools safe...

IF YOU ARE SICK STAY HOME

Regular attendance at school is really important,
but if you are sick, don't come to school.
Got Covid-19 symptoms? You need to book a test.



COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES

Cough into your elbow or use a tissue –
and make sure you put used tissues in the

KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING

Try to socially distance from your teachers
and friends as much as you can.



HOLD ONTO YOUR OWN ITEMS

You should not share things like stationery,
food and drinks with your friends.



WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands when you arrive at school
and throughout the day.



WEAR A FACE COVERING

It is strongly recommended that everyone wears face
coverings on school transport or in communal areas/
corridors. But remember some people may not wear
a face covering if they are exempt.



FIREWORK SAFETY CODE

- ◆ When buying fireworks, make sure they comply with BS 7114 or its European equivalent and are clearly marked for their intended use "Indoor, Garden or Display".
- ◆ Keep fireworks in a sealed box or tin.
- ◆ Use them one at a time, replacing the lid immediately.
- ◆ **NEVER** put fireworks in your pocket.
- ◆ Read the instructions carefully, using a torch or hand lamp. **NEVER** use a naked flame.
- ◆ Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper or a firework lighter.
- ◆ Stand well back and **NEVER** return to a firework after it has been lit as it could explode in your face.
- ◆ Only light fireworks under the supervision of an adult
- ◆ **NEVER** throw fireworks.
- ◆ Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm.

SPARKLERS

These are often viewed as being harmless but they do burn at fierce temperatures. The heat from a sparkler is equivalent to the heat from a welding torch.

- ◆ Always wear gloves with sparklers, preferably leather ones.
- ◆ Hold it at arm's length while an adult lights it for you.
- ◆ Never wave sparklers near someone else as you could burn them.





ONSITE HEALTH & SAFETY

In the interests of our students' health and safety

- ◆ Cars should not enter the school grounds between 3.10 pm and 3.40 pm (2.45 pm - 3.30 pm on Friday).
- ◆ Cars must not be parked up on the access road at any time as this presents a hazard to students and other road users.
- ◆ Cars must not enter the Bus Park at any time.
- ◆ Please respect the residents of St James's by not blocking their driveways.
- ◆ If you are collecting a student on foot you must report to reception.
- ◆ If you are coming to school at any time during the school day you must report to reception at all times (you must not enter the school by any other door).



PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT CROSSING ROADS SAFELY. THEY MUST USE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT ALL TIMES ON THE WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT REFLECTIVE CLOTHING/ARM BANDS ARE WORN IN TIMES OF DARKNESS.

INTERNET SAFETY

- Do not share your personal details with strangers - keep your personal profile private
- Be aware of the pictures/images that you post online
- Don't meet up with any strangers online
- Report problems you encounter online using the 'Report Abuse' button

CYBERBULLYING

- Know what your children are doing online
- Encourage them to speak to you about it
- Ask them to teach you how to use the applications
- Keep the computer in a family room
- Ensure that your children never give personal details to online 'friends'
- Remind your child never to open SPAM
- Block the bully and report the abuse using the Report Button
- Do not retaliate or reply



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

As a school we reiterate these important messages about Internet Safety through our weekly assemblies and our Pastoral Programme. We have a zero tolerance policy in terms of bullying. This position is outlined in our Anti Bullying Policy which has been revised recently and will be sent home in the near future for your perusal.

Stay Safe



Staying Safe Outside This Winter

At this time of year, we need to be particularly vigilant. Limited visibility during dark mornings and evenings, along with heavy traffic can increase the likelihood of serious, and sometimes fatal, accidents. We ask you to please encourage your son / daughter to wear reflective clothing and high visibility items, especially during the dark mornings and evenings, when travelling between home, bus stops and school.

How can my child be seen more easily?

1. On dull days your son / daughter can wear bright or fluorescent colours

- ✓ Special high-visibility tabards and other clothing can be bought from many retailers
- ✓ Fluorescent armbands can also be worn over coats and other clothing
- ✓ Bags are also available in bright colours or with high-visibility strips

2. If walking near traffic at night reflective clothing is needed

- ✓ Reflective clothing reflects light from car and bike head lamps
- ✓ Reflective armbands and clothing can be bought for children
- ✓ Remember that fluorescent colours do not show up in the dark



All EA vehicles used to transport students are fitted with seatbelts and as always, students must wear them at all times when travelling.

STRANGER DANGER

The school has been informed of suspicious approaches towards children. These have included reports of people calling to children from a car. Please be aware of the 'danger of strangers' and report any suspicious activity to your parents or teachers who will report these incidents to the police.

Be extremely vigilant at all times.