

Attendance Expectations 2020-2021 – COVID-19 Amendment

From the beginning of the Academic Year 2020 student attendance will be mandatory and the usual rules on attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child 16-18 age attends regularly at the college where the student is a enrolled
- colleges' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up sustained absences
- All absences must be reported correctly for more information please see the website www.stbrn.ac.uk > College Info > Reporting Student Absences.
- In all cases of self-isolation that require a test, St Brendan's Sixth Form College will ask parents/students to inform us immediately about the outcome of a test and require evidence of the result (i.e. screenshot of text message).

Circumstances for non-attendance related to COVID-19 during academic year 2020-21

Examples in which 'not attending in circumstances related to coronavirus (COVID-19)'

St Brendan's Sixth Form College will follow the procedures detailed below when students who are required to self-isolate as they have symptoms or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19):

- Students who have symptoms should self-isolate and get a test.
- If a student tests negative and if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating and return to college.
- If the student remains unwell following the test (such as with a different illness), then they make sure their absences are reported correctly.
- If a student tests positive, they should continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms.
- They should only return to college if they do not have symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste (anosmia). This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.

St Brendan's Sixth Form College will follow the procedures detailed below when someone in the student's household has symptoms:

- The household should self-isolate and the member of their household should get a test.
- If the member of the household tests negative, the student can stop self-isolating and can return to college.
- If the household member tests positive, the student should continue self-isolating for the full 10 days from when the member of their household first had symptoms.

Students who are required to self-isolate because they are a close contact of someone who has symptoms or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19)

St Brendan's Sixth Form College will follow the procedures detailed below when students may not have symptoms themselves but may be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- The [NHS test and trace](#) guidance states that a person should self-isolate for 10 days if they have had recent close contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).
- In the event of a confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) case in the college community, the local health protection team will provide advice on who this applies to, advising them to self-isolate for 10 days since they were last in close contact with the person that has tested positive when they were infectious.

Students who are required by legislation to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine

- Parents should plan their holidays within college breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their student out of college during term time.
- Families should also consider that their student might need to self-isolate following trips overseas that require a period of quarantine.

Students who are clinically extremely vulnerable in a future local lockdown scenario only

- Shielding advice for all adults and children paused on 1 August 2020. This means that even the small number of students who will remain on the shielded patient list can return to college, as can those who have family members who are shielding.
- If in future, rates of the disease rise in local areas, children still on the shielding list (or family members still on the shielding list) from that area, and that area only, may be contacted by the government and advised to stay at home and shield during the period where rates remain high.
- Families will receive a letter if they are required to shield again that parents will be able to share with St Brendan's Sixth Form College.
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College will contact parents of students who are shielding when measures in the local area are lifted and shielding is paused again, to set out the expectation that they can return to college.

Further Key Information

Local lockdown

- If rates of the disease rise locally, St Brendan's Sixth Form College may need to prevent some students from attending.
- St Brendan's Sixth Form College will follow PHE or DHSC guidance on what measures are necessary in the event of local lockdown.

Remote Education

- If a student is not attending St Brendan's Sixth Form College due to circumstances related to coronavirus (COVID-19), St Brendan's Sixth Form College will offer them access to remote education (this may be online or via other means). St Brendan's Sixth Form College will keep a record of, and monitor engagement with this activity and blended learning.

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