



Our Mission Statement – the reason our College exists

“Living & Growing in the Light of the Gospel”

With Christ at the centre of our learning, we:

- *Help young people to achieve their greatest potential*
- *Guide their intellectual growth, nurture their God-given talents, and inspire them to live in service to others*
- *Aim to develop honest, confident, responsible and compassionate members of society, based on the educational values of Blessed Antonio Rosmini*

Our Vision Statement – the long-term change resulting from our work

“Strength of Mind, Strength of Values, Strength of Purpose”

Strength of Mind

We aim to enable our students to be truly independent thinkers and to think ‘big’ ideas, using their creative instincts. We aim to empower our students to develop resilience through a growth mind set adopting a ‘not yet....’ rather than a ‘can’t do....’ attitude to their learning and their personal development. We aim to develop young people to become critical thinkers with the capacity for original thought and ideas. We aim to cultivate young minds to accept and welcome failure as a natural part of self-improvement and personal growth – how can we know how to improve unless we first fail?

Strength of Values

Ratcliffe College’s educational ethos and Christian values are emphasised by a strong sense of moral purpose and commitment to doing what is right for children and young people. With Christ at the centre of our learning, we educate young people to live their lives based on the Gospel Values: faithfulness and integrity, dignity and compassion, humility and gentleness, truth and justice, forgiveness and mercy, tolerance and peace, service and sacrifice.

As Christians, we hear the call of the Gospel to seek perfection by loving God and others with all our strength, anchored by our School motto, *Legis Plenitudo Caritas*: ‘Love is the fulfilment of the Law’. We aim to educate young people to see Christ in others and to help those less fortunate than themselves or those in need. As a through school with children from 3 to 18, we aim to instil a deep sense of community and belonging to the Ratcliffe College family of Schools: Nursery, Preparatory and Senior.

Strength of Purpose

Finally, we aim to educate young people to have a strong sense of who they are and their purpose in the world. We aim to inspire our young people to become the leaders of the future. Our aim is to nurture the God-given talents of every student, whether academic or part of the co-curriculum, so that they achieve their greatest potential and are equipped academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually to go forth and make a positive difference to the communities in which they live and work.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Visitor Policy

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In response to the global Coronavirus outbreak, Ratcliffe College has implemented a strict visitor policy to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the whole school community.

Our policy has been developed in accordance with the advice and guidance given by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Public Health England (PHE), the Boarding Schools' Association (BSA) and the Medical Officer of Schools' Association (MOSA), supported by our in-house medical team.

Where possible, all non-essential face-to-face meetings should take place online and parents should not come into school unless there is an emergency.

The current guidance is as follows:

- If you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started.
- Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital unless it is an emergency.
- In an emergency, dial 999.
- Book a test as soon as possible. To do this, visit the NHS website or call 119.
- If you can, tell the people you have been close to over the last 2 days that you have coronavirus symptoms.
- If you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- Medical advice tells us that Covid-19 has a fourteen-day period in which a potential risk-carrier (whether symptomatic or not) can spread the virus.
- With that contagion period in mind, a person travelling from a high-risk country, as defined by PHE, must self-isolate for fourteen days.
- If another person (student or staff) comes into *direct contact* with a potential risk-carrier during that fourteen-day period and is symptomatic, they, too, must self-isolate for fourteen days from the first day of contact and contact NHS111.

Therefore, to protect the school community, we would ask anyone who meets the following criteria not to visit the School until they have completed the specified self-isolation period and remained symptom-free.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a new, continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

But these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness. The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as colds and flu.

Please do not visit the School if you have any of the above symptoms or you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus.

If you fulfil either of these criteria, you must:

- Self-isolate for 14 days.
- Be symptom-free during this period before visiting the School.

Given the close-knit environment in our school and boarding houses where viruses can be transmitted easily, our policy on self-isolation goes above and beyond the minimum standards of care, as our number one priority is to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and the wider school community.

We will continue to monitor the coronavirus outbreak and assess the associated risks carefully. This is fast-changing, and we will issue new information as appropriate.

Visitors to the School

If you are asymptomatic, you may visit the school if you have an appointment with a member of staff only.

All parents, current and prospective, as well as visitors to the School are politely reminded to follow the guidance below:

1. Parents/visitors must report to Reception and wear a face covering when in the School buildings;
2. On entering the building, visitors report to reception where a COVID-19 declaration form will be completed. (see Appendix A);
3. Tradesmen/contractors must report to their Ratcliffe College contact at a pre-arranged meeting point where the same procedure as set out in points 1 and 2 above must be followed;
4. A member of staff meeting a visitor/parent should retain social distancing guidance of 2m at all times;
5. Prospective parents visiting the Headmaster will have 2 options available to them.
 - i) to meet online;
 - ii) to have a tour of the School with the Head for up to 30 minutes wearing a face covering.
6. Sixth Form students will not be asked to conduct tours in the first three weeks of term. This will be reviewed.

This Policy was reviewed and amended by the Headmaster and the Estate's Manager on 28.08.20.

*Further information can be found on the Public Health England website.

Appendix A – Ratcliffe College COVID-19 Declaration Form

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To be completed on arrival at the School. Please complete the following questions providing details as appropriate. *Please note that by providing your information in the COVID-19 Declaration Form, you are giving permission for the School to share your personal information with the National Track and Trace Service, if required.*

Name _____ **Date** _____

Time in _____ **Time Out** _____

Contact e-mail _____

Contact telephone number _____

Name of the member of staff you are visiting today _____

Reason for your visit _____

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