



Our Mission Statement – the reason our College exists

“Learning & 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 Charitas*: ‘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.

Ratcliffe College Suspected or Confirmed Case of COVID-19 Policy

This Policy is written for all three sections of the College.

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Rationale:

The School Nurse and SLT will regularly review the Public Health England website for updates regarding any changes to this policy.

Relevant Government Guidance Document:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

In line with Government guidance:

If a member of staff or pupil develops any recognised symptoms of COVID-19 at home.

The family must alert the school as soon as possible if a child has been physically attending school and develops any recognised symptoms of COVID-19:

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

Any student demonstrating symptoms along with any member of their household are not permitted to attend the in-school provision until either a negative test has been confirmed or they have followed government guidance in relation to self-isolation.

As an additional precautionary measure, Ratcliffe College will inform parents if a pupil in their setting has developed symptoms, without divulging the pupil's identity.

If a member of staff or pupil develops any recognised symptoms of COVID-19 in school.

They will be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#). If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to the Prep School Parlour or Medical Centre where they will be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. A window will be opened for ventilation. If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they will use a separate bathroom (staff toilet). The medical staff will alert Housekeeping and the bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else. PPE will be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child). In an emergency, a call will be made to 999.

If a member of staff has helped someone with symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive (see 'What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?' below). They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

As an additional precautionary measure, Ratcliffe College will inform parents if a pupil in their setting has developed symptoms, again retaining the pupil's anonymity.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school setting

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 10 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where a child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting once their symptoms have cleared and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where a child, young person or staff member tests positive, advice will be taken from Public Health England and all recommended courses of action taken.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's, local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. Public Health England will have been contacted by the relevant member of SLT. In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

Parents will be informed as soon as reasonably possible should they need to take action.