



STATEMENT

There are a number of positive cases of Covid-19 at St John's College. The cases are all students and the overwhelming majority live within the College on St Giles.

St John's is working with Oxford University's Testing for COVID-19: Early Alert Service and the public health authorities to ensure that appropriate measures are in place to limit the spread of the virus. Each affected student is currently locked down and isolating with their 'households', which are students living on the same staircase.

College staff are in regular contact with affected students and are providing a range of support, including delivery of food and other essentials, online teaching and welfare support.

The College continues to ensure that key advice is followed across our community:

- no mixing *between* households;
- adherence to hygiene procedures and distancing requirements;
- close monitoring of informal gatherings.

Professor Maggie Snowling, President, said:

'Our first priority is to the affected students who we are looking after. Our second priority is working with our students to minimise the risks to them and to the wider community. We are working hard to ensure that there is no mixing between households and to reiterate the importance of hygiene procedures and social distancing.'

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Notes to Editors

All enquiries should be directed to Ms Iris Burke, Bursary Manager (bursary.manager@sjc.ox.ac.uk; (01865) 277321).

St John's College

Established in 1555 as a constituent college of the University of Oxford, St John's College fosters excellence in education and research and is committed to equality and diversity. It is one of the largest among Oxford Colleges and offers tuition in nearly every subject studied at the University. Today, St John's is home to approximately 420 undergraduates, 265 graduate students, 100 fellows and 25 College lecturers. A vibrant international community, it fosters intellectual rigour, creativity, and independence in its students, teachers, and researchers. The College supports a range of research activities including discussions, seminars, workshops, public lectures and visiting scholar schemes. While scholarly publication is naturally at the heart of the College's research endeavours, the Fellowship is also committed to informing policy and public debate, and to teaching that is informed by research findings.

Through the College's work on access to all aspects of its day-to-day activities, the College has due regard for its legal commitments under the Equality Act to promote equality, diversity and inclusion.