



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID 19 Updates

Thank you for your continued support with the COVID situation within the St Joseph's school community. This week we have had several staff members test positive which has been a real challenge to cover. I would like to thank all the staff for their resilience this week and determination to keep things running as smooth as possible. We continue to experience children testing positive and I would like to thank families for following the correct procedures.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19- REMINDERS

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

To put this simply and to work out when to test your child please use the following checklist.

- Day 0 the day your child tests positive. This is counted as day 0 as you might test first thing on a morning or last thing at night. Therefore the day of the test is Day 0.
- Days 1, 2, 3 & 4 Isolation period.
- Day 5 ideally in the morning complete a LFT. If negative wait until Day 6 for double negative result and potential end to isolation. If positive continue isolation.
- Day 6 if second negative- isolation ends. If positive continue isolation.
- Days 7, 8, 9 if still testing positive isolation continues. If you have two consecutive days of testing negative your isolation ends.

All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

To help us at school please phone on the morning of the double negative result to inform us that the child will be attending.

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Mental Health Week 7th-13th February 2022

During this week the school will be completing three exciting days of activities.

On Monday 7th February the school will have author Jessica Bowers visiting to work with the children. Her fantastic book *Fantastic Fin Faces his Fears* is available at a discount price of £5.60 with £3.60 going to the charity A Place to Be. This has been set up on ParentPay for any families wishing to purchase this book.

On Tuesday 8th February it is safer Internet Day. Children will be taking part in activities that raise the profile of using the Internet in a trustworthy way. Watch out for more information to follow.

On Friday 11th February to finish the week at school will be taking part in Dress to Express Day. By getting involved in this not only will it continue to raise awareness of Mental Health issues it can also raise vital funds to ensure every child has access to mental health support. We have set up a donation payment on ParentPay of £2 so that children can Express themselves in colourful non-school uniform.

School Photograph Day Thursday 17th February 2022

The annual opportunity to get your child's school photograph is taking place on this day.

Postponement of Parent's Evening February 2022

Due to the unprecedented amount of pupil and staff absence over the past 4 weeks we have decided to postpone the February Parent's Evening until next half-term. A new date will be circulated in due course. We hope you understand the reasons behind such a decision as we continue to keep the school operating as safely as possible.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Mr Geaves
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