

Parent update 28.4.2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this update finds you all safe and well.

### **School News**

As you know, as a school community, we have done remarkably well with regards to closing bubbles (only 3 classes over 2 occasions since March 2020). I would like to thank everyone who has remained vigilant and stuck to the rules so far. It has saddened me recently though to hear more and more of our children coming into school saying they have been to parties, BBQs, and playdates.

It also has been more and more evident that some parents are sending their children in with headaches, tummy aches and sore throats, giving them Calpol and hoping for the best. In ordinary times this may have been fine but as you are well aware these are not ordinary times.

Please, as a matter of safety and respect to our staff and other families in our community, please continue to follow government guidelines and the safety measures school has put in place to keep us all safe.

As a quick reference, I have listed below the common symptoms of Covid, that the NHS list to be found in children:

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in adults and children and can look like symptoms of other common illnesses such as colds, strep throat, or allergies. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 in children are fever and cough, but children may have any of these signs or symptoms of COVID-19:

Fever or chills

Cough

Nasal congestion or runny nose

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Diarrhoea

Nausea or vomiting

Stomach Ache

Tiredness

Headache

Muscle or body aches

Poor appetite or poor feeding, especially in babies under 1 year old. (For info)

I urge you please to keep your child at home and get a test if they have any of the known symptoms of Covid 19 listed above and please follow the rules that our government has outlined for us and support us in the work we are doing to keep your children safe.

When we receive updated guidance from the DfE we will update the school risk assessment. In the interim the covid safety measures we have in place will continue. Please remember:

- Children bringing a packed lunch need to make sure it is fully disposable. If you are concerned about plastic waste please don't send in any drinks. Every child in school has their own water bottle in class.
- The current school dinner provision will remain the same, each day there is a choice of sandwiches and a hot option (pasta or a baked potato).
- Your child needs to bring in their reading book (in their school book bag or folder) and nothing else. No fidget toys, lip balms or any other contraband.
- Please don't try to have a catch-up with your child's teacher at the door at hometime, make a telephone appointment. (You will get a better quality of conversation when the teacher can give you their full attention).

### **Friday celebration assemblies**

These are still taking place in school with the classrooms being linked via zoom. Please send in photos of achievements from home and or certificates so we can include these in our assemblies (as we did when we had our Friday assemblies in the hall).

### **RSE – Relationships and Sex Education**

Further to our consultation regarding the new statutory curriculum subject, Relationship and Health Education, we are pleased to let you know that all classes are now following the programme, **Life to the Full**, produced by the Catholic educational organisation, Ten Ten Resources.

The **Life to the Full** programme is based on the structure of 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' by the Catholic Education Service. This model curriculum was highlighted as a work of good practice by the Department of Education so we therefore have confidence that the programme will be fit for purpose in supporting the growth and development of our children.

Please click here for a short document that will help to give you an overview of the structure and content of the programme.

If you require further information there is a parent portal at [www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)

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### **Dates for your diary:**

Monday 3rd May – School will be closed for May Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May – School will be closed for Polling Day

Friday 7th May – NSPCC “Number Day” fundraising event. Children can wear their own clothes or number themed fancy dress.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May - School photos (individual and family). Only children who are pupils in school I'm afraid – we can't accommodate babies and toddlers due to visitor restrictions.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Pentecost celebration in school. (The feast of the Pentecost is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May).

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for the May half term holiday.

As ever, thank you all for your support of school. It is a great privilege to work with our lovely children and supportive community.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson