

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
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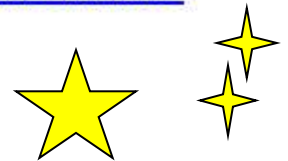
Cold & Flu Season

With three weeks into school we are beginning to experience the effects of the cold and flu season. Some of our children have different coughs and feel a bit 'under the weather'. This brings the difficulty and dilemma to parents when they need to decide if they should bring children to school or keep them away from school. To aid some of those worries, please find here some helpful guidance:

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
<p>My child has Covid-19 symptoms including any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new continuous cough • A high temperature • A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Order an immediate confirmatory PCR test • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and are over the age of 18 years and 6 months 	<p>The PCR test comes back negative, and your child feels well enough to return to school. OR: The PCR test comes back POSITIVE: once 10 days have passed following the date on which symptoms first began, AND your child feels well again.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Order an immediate confirmatory PCR test • Inform the school immediately about the PCR test result • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18 years and 6 months 	<p>The confirmatory PCR test comes back NEGATIVE, and your child feels well. OR: The PCR test comes back POSITIVE: 10 days have passed following the date of the first LFD test (or following the date that symptoms began if they were symptomatic prior to taking the LFD test) AND your child feels well.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19 on a PCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days following the test date) • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18 years and 6 months 	<p>10 days have passed following the date of the PCR test (or following the date that symptoms began, if they were symptomatic prior to taking the PCR test), AND your child feels well.</p>

My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19 but could be contagious (i.e., sickness, diarrhoea) or is too ill to come to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school to inform us • Ring on each day of illness 	After 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy) or when feeling well if not sickness related.
Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19 on an LFD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household member to self-isolate and order an immediate PCR test • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18 years and 6 months 	Child can continue to attend school.
Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19 on a PCR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household member to self-isolate • Self-isolate any members of the household who are not fully vaccinated and who are over the age of 18 years and 6 months 	Child can continue to attend school.
NHS Track and Trace has identified a household member/s as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The household member/s must self-isolate as instructed from NHS Track and Trace • Child can continue to attend school 	Child can continue to attend school.

Please note: children under the age of 18 years and 6 months old are no longer required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. You can view the full NHS guidance on when to self-isolate and what to do at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>



Stars of the Week

- Year 1 – Emme for working well and being creative and polite.
- Year 2 – Emily for working really hard and producing excellent writing.
- Year 3 – Jacob for working extra hard in numeracy.
- Year 4 – Henry for always working hard in class and for writing an excellent letter in literacy.
- Year 5 – Jayden for fantastic involvement in lessons all week.
- Year 6 – Leo for making an excellent improvement to his writing.

Secondary schools

It's coming up to that time of year again where secondary schools are holding open evenings. Keep an eye on their websites for details and contact your school of choice, to make arrangements to join one of these sessions.

Events and Activities

Sister Josephine would like to share a special invitation for all our families to the St Patrick's Summer Party. Please see separate flyer attached.

Mottingham Library is delighted to invite children of ages 4-8 along to their 'Stories & More' crafts and stories sessions. Please see separate flyer attached.

ECO Club

We would like to introduce to you our St Vincent's ECO Club champions!

Congratulations to the children below who will proudly represent our school.

The Eco-Schools programme is designed to be pupil led; every day the Eco-Schools team have the privilege to learn about impactful environmental actions that have been completed by forward-thinking and innovative young people.

Reception- James and Vita

Year 1- Oliver and Jessica

Year 3- Jacob and Isabella

Year 5- Myla and Gabriel M.

Year 2- Antonia and Daniel Y.

Year 4- Tiago and Leyla

Year 6- Lilly and Maddie

The club will be run predominately by the children and supported by Miss Smith and Miss Mckeag. As a school we will be working towards achieving the ECO-schools Green Flag accreditation.

Dates for your Diary

Library visit Year 3	Wednesday 29 th September
Mass Year 5	Wednesday 29 th September
Meet the teacher	Thursday 30 th September
Mass Year 4	Wednesday 6 th October
Mass Year 3	Wednesday 13 th October
Half term break	Monday 18 th – Friday 29 th October
Library visit Year 5	Wednesday 10 th November
Library visit Year 4	Wednesday 17 th November
Library visit Year 3	Wednesday 24 th November
Last day of term	Friday 17 th December

Gospel Reflection

Mark 9:38-41

Anyone who loves Jesus and acts in his name, is filled with the goodness of God. Whatever our religion or race might be, God will see this goodness, and rewards us with his love.

Just like Jesus cares for us all, he asks us to care for one another. Not just the people we know, our friends and our family, but for all people around the world. And to show our love and care for others in everything that we do.

This means being kind and generous and friendly and helpful. It can mean making sure everyone has enough food to eat, and clean water to drink. But it can also mean a bit more than that, like sticking up for what is right and what we believe in.

We might have to choose to do the right thing when others are doing something wrong. We might need to speak out when we see something happening that we know is not right or fair.

It can be really hard to be different and to stick to what we believe in. Sometimes it can even be a little bit painful, if others get angry and upset with us or laugh at us. But Jesus is with us, and he tells us that it will be all right in the end. Knowing he is there beside us can help us to be brave.

Prayer

Let us pray that the spirit of God will work through our lives, so we can share Christ's love with the world.