

# All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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Loving to Learn; Learning to Love

John 13:34

*"A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

Dear Parents.

Welcome back to a new half term. I hope you had a good half term holiday,

**COVID - we're not out of the woods yet!**

You may have heard that Peterborough is now an Enhanced Region in the fight against COVID 19, one of only a handful in the country! Rates of transmission continue to increase, as do hospitalisations. The threat from this virus has not gone away or diminished.

If your child is ill, and you are tempted to say it's just a cold I would ask the question: 'How do I know?'

If you think there may be a possibility that it might be covid, I must still encourage you to get a PCR test for your child. It continues to be the **most effective way of reducing increasing transmission rates** within our community.

If your child has flu-like symptoms or a persistent cough and develops a temperature, you **MUST get a PCR test** for your child and follow Public Health England advice.

**Still, some parents are giving LFD tests to their children but these are not suitable for children under the age of 11.** The Local Authority has confirmed this is still the case as they can damage a child's under-developed soft palate.

PCR tests can be booked online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

I know our passageway is incredibly narrow, and is very busy at key times in the morning and evening. Please can I ask parents to keep to the left hand side as much as possible, to allow a smoother transition for people trying to exit the grounds as people are entering. Also, if your child is riding a bike or scooter, please can they dismount and walk up the passageway - there were a few 'near misses' last week and I would hate there to be an injury because someone was not thinking about the safety of others.

**Parking** This continues to be an issue for the school.

It is unacceptable, and illegal for parents to park on the white zig-zag lines. The sole reason they are there is to give adequate visibility to pedestrians using the crossing. People who park there are putting their own convenience before the safety of our children. Please, it must stop.

**Flu Immunisation programme- Important changes!** We have been informed that the Vaccination service will now be in school on the 1<sup>st</sup> December to administer the flu jab to those children whose parents requested the halal friendly injection. It's a welcome and positive move to further protect the health of our children. If any parents wish their child to be vaccinated and have not yet submitted a consent letter, these can be obtained from the school office.

**Anti-Bullying week 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> November.** We will be celebrating the start of anti-bullying week next Monday by asking children to wear brightly coloured odd socks for the day. You may think this a little odd- but it will reinforce the idea that everyone is unique and should be valued, despite our differences.

We will also be celebrating **Children in Need** on the 19<sup>th</sup>- and have a non-uniform day. We would ask that parents make a donation to Children in Need via the link here: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3960>

All donations will go to Children in Need, and will be gratefully received!

**Nativity Play**

It's that time of year, when we start to hear Christmas songs played everywhere and children begin to get excited about Christmas. Our Early Years children will be performing a Nativity Play, which unfortunately this year will be performed virtually. We are not being allowed by the LA to have face-to-face performances, as covid rates are so high. A letter will be coming out later in the term to EYFS / Reception parents telling you how you can access this via the school website.

**Maths No Problem.**

It's been brought to my attention that some parents have bought the MNP textbooks to do at home with their children. This is completely the wrong thing to do, and I cannot advocate it. These books are used in school, and form a large part of their class work. It defeats the object if they have already seen this work at home, without the specialised teaching that it requires. It's not just a case of filling in a worksheet, but the teachers spend a lot of time modelling different methods. Please, if you need to use a textbook to support home learning, don't use Maths No Problem- it gives the teachers a false picture of your child's true understanding.

As always, my door is always open to you if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards

Mr David Roberts

Acting Head Teacher