

All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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Loving to Learn: learning to Love

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Dear Parents. We have had a very settled start to the new term, and the atmosphere around school is wonderful. The children have started well and are really engaged in their lessons- it's great to see!

There are a few things I need to make you aware of, or remind parents of.

COVID - extra vigilance is wise!

As infection rates continue to rise, it's more important than ever that we remain alert to the threat that Covid still poses in our community. The greatest protection we can give our community is for all eligible people to be vaccinated.

We have been informed by some parents that they are using LFD tests on their primary aged children.

LFD tests are not suitable for children under the age of 11. If you are at all concerned that your child is unwell, and there is a possibility that it may be covid, you **must get a PCR test for your child**, and isolate until a negative PCR result is confirmed.

If you receive a letter from school confirming a case in your child's class, and then your child feels unwell, particularly with a high temperature, a cough, a loss of sense of smell or taste- it would be prudent and wise to have them tested with a PCR test, both for your peace of mind, and to help restrict the transmission of this virus.

Can I remind you:

The latest advice from the government remains that children with covid symptoms MUST not come into school and, MUST GO FOR a PCR test. Households must follow Public Health England Advice.

Likewise, if a member of your household has symptoms for COVID (see website) then they must be tested. PCR tests can be booked online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. **If an adult tests positive on a LFD test, they must get a PCR test, within 2 days.**

For any positive results the entire household MUST self-isolate AND be tested with a PCR test. If a child's PCR test comes back negative, they are allowed to return to school, and not isolate for the 10 days as previously required.

If a child develops COVID symptoms at school, they will be moved out of the class until they are collected by their parents, or someone over the age of 18 from their household, at the earliest opportunity.

Bubbles will not be closed- unless directed to do so by Public Health England. Rather, close contacts will be informed, and recommend to be tested through the Governments' Test and Trace system.

Parking

I'd like to thank the vast majority of you who have responded so positively, and are being very mindful of the school's neighbours and how busy Dogsthorpe Road is at the end of the school day.

Unfortunately, some parents are still parking on the white zigzag lines near the crossing - This makes using the crossing much more dangerous and is an offence, leading to a fine and points on your licence.

We have been informed that parking enforcement officers will be patrolling Dogsthorpe Road at pick-up and drop-off times and issue fines to offending vehicles. If you see a car parked on the zigzags, please take a photo of the car and email it directly to parking.enforcement@peterborough.gov.uk.

In addition, the school entrance drive **must be kept clear of cars at all times** so that emergency vehicles can access the school - this is for your children's safety! This week already, taxis bringing children to school, could not gain safe access to the car park, as parents had parked across the entrance- blocking it completely.

A busy exit!

A few parents have expressed concern about the volume of people using the pedestrian exit at 3:25pm. Unfortunately, I cannot allow exit via the car park, as the whole school finish at the same time, and this is when both staff and taxis need to leave the car park. It would not be safe for children to be exiting via the staff car park in the volumes that we would have. If you are at all concerned, please socially distance on the playground to allow the passageway to have a gentler flow of people, and of course, if you are at all concerned, although it is no longer a mandatory requirement, please feel free to wear a face covering, to allow you (and those around you) additional protection.

Harvest collections: It's good to give back!



As part of our Harvest collection, we will be making a donation to the Peterborough Food Bank this year, who help families in need of food provision. It is a wonderful thing to encourage our children to be involved with- and makes a practical difference to so many families' lives.

Please can your child bring in an item (which is in date) of any dried food stuffs i.e. rice, pasta, beans, pulses etc...

And any food stuff that is tinned, so that each class can create a harvest offering table which will be used as part of our Harvest service in school. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Cleaning vacancy. Job opportunity!

We still have a vacancy in our cleaning staff, to assist the cleaning of the school from 3:30 -5:45.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Davies in the school office on 01733 563688.



Swimming lessons

Unfortunately, it is with regret that I have to inform you that several avenues we have taken to find a swimming coach and life guard have come to nothing, and so swimming lessons will have to be postponed until further notice. We still are advertising for a swimming coach and lifeguard. If any parent has a lifeguard qualification, please do contact me, I would be very interested to talk to you.

Alternatively, if a parent is interested in volunteering on a Tuesday morning to act as a lifeguard, but isn't trained, I will consider offering training, which takes place during the October half term. Please contact me on 01733 563688 if you are at all interested.

Flu Immunisation programme- Public Health Initiative

You will already have received letters informing you about the Flu vaccination programme. This is a national initiative rolled out by the government. The government are expecting Flu rates to be much higher this year, as last year the incidence was so low due to lockdowns preventing people from coming into contact with the virus.

It is my recommendation that as many of us have the flu vaccine as possible. It is a protective measure and the vaccine is free for children. The Nasal spray is not halal friendly, but the jab is halal friendly, containing no porcine products. Can I remind parents that we need a response from all parents, even if you do not want your child to be immunised.

As always, my door is always open to you if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing support, it is valued and appreciated.

Kind Regards

Mr David Roberts

Acting Head Teacher