

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"To Live Love and Learn in a Caring Christian Community"

NEWSLETTER NO.2

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a start to the day today! Well done for getting the pupils into the school so effectively despite the downpour. The pupils have come back to school with a great attitude and the classes are buzzing with learning again.

COVID 19

Symptoms

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

It is imperative that if your child displays any COVID19 symptoms that you do not send them into school until they have undertaken a PCR test and you receive the results of that test. Please let the school office know if your child is waiting for a test and the outcome of the test result.

If the test result is negative, then they return to school. If the test is positive, then they will need to self-isolate. If your child is well enough, we will send home some learning for them to access. If a child displays any of the COVID 19 symptoms in school, we have to send your child home to be tested.

Please be aware that for the majority of people, including children, COVID19 will be a mild illness.

Communication of Confirmed COVID19 Cases

The changes to the rules and guidance regarding COVID19 have changed.

IF there is a confirmed case in your child's class, we will let you know via email.

We do not email the whole school to inform you of this, only the classes affected.

We will inform the whole school if HCC Public Health confirms that we have an 'outbreak' in school. If this is the case, we will have to reintroduce COVID measures followed in the previous academic year.

These actions may include:

- enforcing face coverings for visitors and staff and parents entering the school site
- limiting activities such as face to face meetings, assemblies, performances etc
- distancing in the class and reduced classroom layouts
- re-introducing year group bubbles for pupils and staff
- Further staggered start and end of the day timings

As a last resort, it may be decided to restrict attendance and go back to remote home learning. Our overarching objective is to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to face education or childcare and minimise any disruption in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk.

School Photos

Please be aware that Thursday 16th September is our school photo day where we will be taking individual photos of your child, which you will be able to purchase.

Bike to School Week – 27 "September- 1" October 2021
'Bike to School Week 2021' is a great opportunity to celebrate cycling and scooting and the positive
impact it has on health, wellbeing and the environment. We have a dedicated bike shelter and
scooter racks at the front of the school building- let's see if we can fill them during this week!

Class Letters to Parents

Class letters to parents explaining the curriculum topics covered this term will be going out early next week at the latest. These will also be available on the school website.

Reflection

The Lord has to	old us w	hat is good.	What	he	requires	of	us	is this:	to do	what	is just,	to	show
constant love,	and to	live in humb	le fello	ows	ship with	ou	r Go	od.					
(Micah 6:8)													