

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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COVID update

Following updated guidance from the DfE, we have made a number of changes to our Risk Assessment and you will be able to find this on the school website using the following link.

One significant change is to the requirements for children age 5 upwards and adults identified as a close contact. New guidance is as follows:

From Tuesday 14 December, people who are fully vaccinated and identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an NHS rapid lateral flow test every day for 7 days to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days.

School continues to maintain the four main control measures of good hygiene, appropriate cleaning regime, good ventilation and following Public Health advice.

Updated guidance from the DfE also states:

Schools are strongly encouraged to ask parents and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the school.

Therefore, while **we will not ask for evidence of a negative LFD test**, we would ask that parents/ carers test before attending meetings in school.

Testing kits are free and available in the following ways:

- **LFD Direct:** You can order a box of tests online or through 119, which will be delivered to your home. **You can order your lateral flow test on the GOV.UK website.**
- **Pharmacy collect:** You can collect free lateral flow tests to use at home from a participating pharmacy. Use **NHS England's site finder** to find pharmacies near you that offer the service. You will need to use a collect code when you pick up your tests from pharmacies. Get your code at **<https://gov.uk/get-collect-code>**
- **Community Collect sites (kits subject to availability)** LFT KITS AVAILABLE FROM THESE SITES FOR PERSONAL USE - **[NHS Test and Trace Service – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#)**

Christmas Services in church

FRI 24th – Christmas Eve

5.30pm Mass at Rawmarsh.

7.30pm Mass at Wath

SAT 25 th – Christmas Day

9.15am Mass at Rawmarsh

11.15am Mass at Wath

Please note that masks must be worn for church services unless you are exempt. All are welcome!

Advent

This coming Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent and we light four candles on the Advent wreath.



Goodbye Fr Martin

You may be aware that Fr Martin is leaving the parish after Christmas and will therefore not be visiting us in school. He came to share Christmas Dinner with us on Wednesday and children were able to present him with a card and say their goodbyes. He will be sadly missed but we wish him well in his next venture. Fr. Patrick Harrington will join the parish in the new year. He is currently at St. Marie's Cathedral and we look forward to welcoming him into school.

Christmas Performances

Parents/carers will be sent a link to the relevant film and this will be the only way a film can be viewed. The link must not be shared. There will be no facility for comments and films will be available during the Christmas holiday. We're sure you will enjoy them!

St. Clare's MAT update

After the Christmas break we are expecting a letter from the Diocese of Hallam with further information regarding the move to academy status. The St. Clare MAT has appointed a CEO, Steve Davis and a CFO, Adnan Bashir. The Diocese has received notification that the voluntary aided schools within the Diocese have been given permission by the Regional Schools Commissioner to formally pursue academy status and join their respective Catholic MAT.

Uniform

Children should wear full school uniform every day except on Forest School and PE days when outdoor PE kit should be worn. School uniform is black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts, white polo shirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt, black or grey socks or tights and plain black shoes or trainers. Outdoor PE kit is black or navy tracksuit bottoms, plain white teeshirt and royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt. Children may choose to wear royal blue Forest School badged tops on Forest School/PE days.

Long hair should be fastened back. No jewellery, nail polish or make up should be worn with the exception of one pair of small stud earrings and a watch (not smartwatch) or fitbit. Children must be able to remove earrings themselves for PE.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5th January – school reopens to all pupils

Monday 10th January – Cycling Year 3 registered children only

Tuesday 11th January – Basketball Year 5 and 6 registered children only

Tuesday 11th January – Gardening Foundation Stage (new group of registered children only)

Wednesday 12th January – Tag Rugby Y2 registered children only

Thursday 13th January – VEX (current group)

Friday 14th January – Art Club Year 2 (new group of registered children only)

Wednesday 12th January – Y6 information session: SATS at 5pm. This will be via zoom and parents/carers will be sent a link

Punctuality and Attendance

The gate is open between 8:30 and 8:45pm. Please ensure children arrive on time for school to start at 8:45. Congratulations to Y2 this week with a fantastic winning attendance of 100%. Well done!

Whole School Attendance this week: 97%

Santa Dash

Thank you so much for all your generosity again this week. Altogether a wonderful £192 was raised for the Rotherham Hospice.



The Jess Cup

Congratulations to Lily Towlerton who was last week's winner of the Jess Cup! Well done!





School lunches

The first Wednesday back will be Wednesday of Week 3 for school lunch.

Week 3 29/11/21 03/01/22 24/01/22 14/02/22 14/03/22 04/04/22	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pasta Bolognese (H/M)	Chicken Enchilada (H/M)	Cottage Pie (H/M)	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Fish Fingers
	Quorn Slice (H/M) (V)	Quorn Hot Dog (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Cheese & Potato Layer (H/M) (V)	Quorn Calzone (H/M) (V)
	Chilled Choice – Tuna Mayonnaise	Chilled Choice - Cheese	Chilled Choice - Ham	Chilled Choice - Turkey	Chilled Choice – Egg Mayonnaise
	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Tuna
	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
	Garlic Bread Sliced Potatoes	Savoury Rice Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Creamed Potatoes	Chips
	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
	Orange & Lemon Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Crunch	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Cookie & Milk
	Cookie & Milk	Ice Cream & Fruit	Cornflake Bun	Cheese & Biscuits	Strawberry Mousse



*We wish all our families a happy
and holy Christmas*