



St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to March 12th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week in school with the building alive with the sound of learning, laughter and chatter. We are so pleased to have all of the children back in school and to be able to continue as a school community under one roof where we belong. I hope you have all had a good week without the stress of home schooling and hopefully some time to catch your breath. The children have had opportunities for academic learning, opportunities for social interaction, and fun this week. The staff have planned opportunities for children to support their wellbeing and relationships.

This will continue to be a focus moving forward as the children continue their learning journeys.

Keeping Safe:

We have been working closely with the local Public Health team to ensure that we are following the latest Government guidance and necessary precautions to make our school COVID-secure.

Although infection rates are coming down gradually in the area, we can all play our part to help reduce transmission of the virus by following these simple measures.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water or hand sanitiser
- Wear a face covering when entering public indoor buildings or travelling on public transport
- Make space by keeping a two-metre distance from anyone outside your household, where possible
- Self-isolate with your household and get a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms by calling 119 or visiting [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

Self-isolate for 10 days if you are a contact of a confirmed case

Pupils and families are also reminded to follow the safety measures we have in place at our school:

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school/early years premises including outdoor yard areas.
- Parents/carers to arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/collecting their child – please do not congregate and maintain social distancing as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person.
- In schools where it has been agreed that a parent/carer can enter the school premises for drop-off and pick-up, only one adult should enter.
- Pupils are to avoid congregating outside school, mixing with pupils from other schools and should go directly home.

Please can I ask that the last point is strictly adhered to. We have reports of children mixing at the weekend and whilst we know the reasons why – we would ask that you wait until restrictions change.

If you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil in primary or secondary school, you can also get a twice-weekly rapid lateral flow test. You can collect two packs of home test kits at a local collection point or by post. Households in England with people who attend or work in schools in Wales are also eligible to access these tests. Full details of where you can access a test can be found on the Testing and Self-isolation section of the Government website: www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

From 8 March the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme has been extended to assist parents and guardians whose child is required to self-isolate. This is restricted to one parent or guardian who is unable to work due to caring for a child who is required to self-isolate. For more details go to the 'How to get help' section at: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/covid.

Out of School Club: Please note that we have returned to normal charging for regular sessions this week. If you haven't already informed us that you need to suspend or change your child's sessions, please email the office as soon as possible.

Please clear any outstanding balances in dinner money and Out of School Club as soon as possible.

Parents evening – please make sure that you have booked – can you contact the class teacher directly for support if you are having an issue booking. We have around 60% of places booked and do want to meet with you to continue to work together for the children. Working together has never been so important.

Once again, on behalf of everyone in school, thank you for all of your hard work and support during school closure. Please remember, if you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to get in touch.



Mr J McDonald
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