

St Peter's School Newsletter

26th November, 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID current statistics for St Peter:

4 active cases in pupils, with direct contacts in 2 classes.

Changes to Government COVID guidelines

Following this week's Government announcement in relation to direct contacts, a summary:

- The school receives confirmation from contact tracing of a positive case in a class bubble
- The direct contacts are contacted by school
- The child will need to take a lateral flow test every day for ten days
- The tests should be logged on the Government portal

If you need more lateral flow kits, you can collect these from the school office

Children In Need - Non uniform day (UNCRC articles 3,6,23,24,28,29,31)

Thank you for your donations to Children in Need. The total we have raised is £250. Please pay any remaining donations or sponsorship money from our recent school walk into Pay360 before the end of November.

Holidays in term time

It is lovely that families are having the chance to reconnect with relatives in the UK and beyond, take family holidays and visit places we haven't had the opportunities to visit since the pandemic began. These experiences are important for our wellbeing and I support your decision to go. The CYPES policy around leave in term time hasn't changed in the light of the pandemic, so unless your request meets the criteria for exceptional circumstances, it will be recorded as unauthorised. If this is a concern for you, please do pop in and chat to me.

Communication with staff

As a reminder, the main office and admin email is the quickest way for communication from parents to be received and addressed. Class teachers may not get to an email immediately if they are teaching or on duty. I hope you understand that managing work life balance is important to us all; there is no expectation for staff to respond out of hours or over the weekend and using the personal social media platforms of any staff to discuss school issues is an unacceptable method of communication. Please be reassured that during an emergency, the education department and police have my contact details as part of the school's critical incident management plan, so I would be alerted should something be urgent.

Christmas events

Nativity - Reception and Nursery

Tue 7th Dec, 2pm in the hall. Two seats per family, seating allocated. Details next week.

Outdoor singing round the tree for Y1 and Y2

Thu 9th Dec, 4pm. All welcome.

Y1 and 2 children can remain at school or return for 4pm, whatever works best for you.

KS2 Carol Service

This will be filmed in the church and sent to you. (We are unable to manage the risk of direct contacts in the church). If you do not wish for your child to take part, please let Mrs Shorto know.

Mrs Charlesworth