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St Ignatius Catholic Primary School 'An inspired learning community with Jesus Christ at the centre'

Dear Parents & Carers,

28.09.20

Keeping EVERYONE safe

As you are aware, we are constantly reviewing our systems and routines that are in place in order to keep everyone safe at St Ignatius Catholic Primary School. One change that we are enforcing will be that parents/carers dropping off and picking up pupils, will be asked to wear a facemask. This will commence from Tuesday morning. There have been increased numbers of positive cases across the local authority and most recently in Ossett. Anna Hartley, Wakefield's director of public health, said: "We are aware of a cluster of Covid-19 cases that has emerged over the past week in Ossett."

Our school grounds are not vast and it is difficult to socially distance from other adults when the playground is busy. May I remind you that only one adult is permitted to drop off and pick up the children, thus reducing the number of adults on our school grounds. We must protect each other and our children. The staff will also wear masks at the end of the school day when parents are on the playground plus the staff who operate the gates on a morning. We will speak with the children about this on Monday to reassure them; they will be used to seeing adults around them wearing masks.

Please drive slowly and carefully when approaching our school. We have been notified of some dangerous driving outside our school. One of our parents witnessed a car reversing onto the pavement nearly hitting them. Thank you to the vast majority who have really followed the guidance and remained mindful of not only protecting themselves, but also that of their family and our whole school family.

Tissues

The children are using an enormous amount of tissues in school. If your child has a runny nose, please could you send them in with some tissues. I am not sure our school budget stretches to the amount we are currently getting through.

When collecting and dropping off your child remember:

<p>FACE</p>  <p>Help Stop the Spread</p> <p>Wear a mask or visor</p>	<p>SPACE</p>  <p>STOP PLEASE KEEP YOUR DISTANCE</p> <p>Keep your social distance. Give others space to pass.</p>	<p>PACE</p>  <p>KEEP AREA CLEAR</p> <p>Leave the area quickly as soon as you drop off/collect- give others space.</p>
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Remote learning

If your child is absent from school because they are generally unwell, we will not send any work home to them. It is important that they rest and recover so that they can return to school fit and well to continue their learning. Usually, in these circumstances, children are only off for a few days and can quickly catch up on missed learning. If your child has to isolate due to a member of the household developing symptoms, they should stay at home until the household member, has been tested. If they receive a negative result and no one else in the household has developed symptoms, they can return to school. In these circumstances, we will provide work from school for your child to complete at home. If your child has to isolate due to a member of the household testing positive, they must stay at home for 14 days. A work pack containing enough work for two weeks, will be issued. We hope that all parents appreciate that the focus this month has been on getting all children back to school safely and delivering our recovery curriculum. Staff are also undergoing training on providing online remote learning. We are still in the early stages of this process and are ready to trial Google Classrooms in some year groups. Once the children have been trained to use this, we will set some homework for them to complete where they will submit this online to their class teacher. Please remember, this is a very different way of working for all of us. We are also considering the needs of our whole school community and recognise that online learning may not work for some families.

Parents' Evening

All parents should have received an email to book a phone call with their child's class teacher on one of the following dates. If you have not yet booked your appointment, please visit <https://parents-booking.co.uk/stignatiuscatholic> Please note SEN children will be contacted separately.

Nursery Monday 12 th October Daytime	Class 1 Tuesday 13 th October Thursday 15 th October	Class 2 Monday 12 th October Friday 16 th October
Class 3 Wednesday 14 th October Thursday 15 th October	Class 4 Tuesday 13 th October Wednesday 14 th October	Class 5 Monday 12 th October Friday 16 th October

Online Open Evening – Tuesday 29th September from 5pm

St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Secondary School will be having an Online Open Evening for parents of children currently in Y6 who will be moving to High School in September 2021. To join this event, simply log on to www.visitbeckets.org

Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read the account of the father and his two sons. The father asked his two sons to go and work in his vineyard. One of his sons initially refused to do what his father asked of him but then did as he was asked. The other initially agreed to his father's request but then did not go. Both of them changed their minds but only one of them made a change for the better.

We all aim to make changes for the better in our lives. Change is something that most of us don't find easy. We are certainly being challenged by the many changes being imposed on us as the pandemic continues to affect our lives. Some of the changes have restricted us but maybe there have been some changes that have improved or enriched our lives.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Love and best wishes!
Mr. S Bartram