

Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

Who should NOT attend school?

Any staff, young people and children who are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss of, or change in normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) should not attend school. ANYONE FEELING UNWELL IS ADVISED TO BOOK AND TAKE A PCR TEST TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.

Self-Isolation/Close Contact Procedures

You need to self-isolate for 10 days if you:

- test positive for Covid-19 or start showing symptoms
- are an adult who has not been fully vaccinated, and you are identified by contact tracers as a close contact of someone who has tested positive
- are an adult who lives with someone who tests positive (or has Covid symptoms) and you are not fully vaccinated
- arrive in the UK from a red list country
- are an adult who has not been fully vaccinated and you arrive in the UK from an amber list country

When you do not need to self-isolate

Fully vaccinated adults in the UK do not have to self-isolate for 10 days if they're told they have been in close contact with a person who has Covid. The second vaccine must have been received at least 14 days before contact with the infected person.

This rule also applies to everyone under the age of 18 years and 6 months.

Additionally, you do not have to self-isolate if you:

- are taking part (or have taken part) in an approved Covid-19 vaccine trial
- are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, you will be advised to have a PCR test as soon as possible. Children aged 4 and under will not be advised to take a test unless the positive case was someone in their own household.

IF YOU OR A CHILD ARE ADVISED TO TAKE A PCR TEST TO CONFIRM YOU/THEY ARE NEGATIVE, THEN PLEASE DO FOLLOW THAT ADVICE.

Thank you

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Many thanks to those parents who have continued to liaise, contact, communicate and follow our advice around Covid requirements.

Mask wearing

Many of us in school are still wearing masks, for the protection of each other and yourselves. We encourage all those coming onto site, to please also wear a mask.

Thank you.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

At times we as a school have to act when children or family members report issues of possible physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse or neglect.

Physical abuse **MAY** be hitting, shaking, throwing, burning, scalding, suffocating, bruising or biting a child. THIS IS NOT A CHECKLIST AND CAN INVOLVE OTHER ACTIONS.

Emotional abuse **MAY** be the maltreatment of a child to cause persistent negative effects on a child and their development. It MAY involve making a child feel worthless, unloved, being made fun of, deliberately silencing them, causing a child to feel frightened or in danger. THIS IS NOT A CHECKLIST AND CAN INVOLVE OTHER ACTIONS.

Neglect **MAY** be failure to meet the basic needs of a child, such as, enough food, shelter, clean clothing and ability to wash. THIS IS NOT A CHECKLIST AND CAN INVOLVE OTHER ACTIONS.

When we do act, it could mean us talking to you as parents or carers, advising parents or passing information on to Children and Families Services. You could then be asked to take part in follow up meetings or processes.

We are not doing this to intrude or be nosey. We are doing it to make sure all our children are safe, that their voice is heard and that they are protected. It is part of our job. It is the most important part of our job.

Thank you to all parents who understand this and who continue to do the best they can for their children on life's journey.

If you are ever worried about this or have any other worries come in and talk to me or the other staff.

Season of Creation and CAFOD 'Go Green' assembly



**SEASON OF
CREATION**



We continued our celebration of the Season of Creation with the CAFOD 'Go Green' Live Assembly this week.

CAFOD's *Go Green* assembly encouraged Catholic schools around England and Wales to unite and fundraise to support communities around the world who are protecting the planet.

Go Green fundraising will support people like Luana who lives in the Brazilian Amazon. When fires destroyed the crops and trees that Luana's community rely on to survive, CAFOD's local experts helped them to replant using sustainable methods so that they would have food to eat and to sell.

If you would like to learn more about CAFOD'S *Go Green* campaign please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/> to find out more.

Parking

Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and in and around the school. Thank you to the majority of parents who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates, the yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe.

Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads. You are also asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways. Please do not become abusive to local home owners.

Parking on the grass verge along Wilnecote Lane has been raised as a COMPLAINT with local police. We have been asked to advise all parents not to do this. Parking on the grass verges is dangerous and causes blockage for neighbours. Local police will be following this up.

We again ask you take this advice and requests on board. Thanks to those parents who were supportive of PCSOs and PCs present at the school earlier in the week.

Parking at Belgrave Club

We have been informed that from September 2021 the club will continue to offer the facility of parking for parents/guardians. Please be aware that the cost for use of the car park remains at £5.00, per car, for the school year (club members are free).

We will notify you once new parking permits are made available to purchase. In the meantime, please continue to display last year's permit.

Thank you.

St Francis of Assisi, Aldridge

Please note the letter sent to Year 6 Parents recently re Secondary Transfer and also the Open Evenings being run by local schools.

Please note, our local Catholic secondary feeder school, St Francis of Assisi Technology College, hold their open evening on Wednesday 22nd September.

Wear It Pink

Wear It Pink is a charity event for breast cancer on October 22nd at Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart are looking for raffle prizes and cakes for a cake bake sale. Can anyone help please? It is for a cause that has affected countless families and maybe yours too? If you can then contact Annette on net72@live.co.uk

Please note that to mark this, we will have a non-uniform day in school in school on the day. All proceeds to this cause.

Sustainable Staffordshire Tip of the Week



Check the date

Best before and sell by dates can be really confusing and the cause of a lot of wasted food that can still be consumed.

'Use by' is about food safety, food should not be consumed after the use by date. 'Best before' refers to quality - your food is at its best before this date but should still be OK to eat after the date.

Food doesn't belong in the bin - [Check out more hints and tips here.](#)



Children's Worship

Countdown to Children's Worship

Only 2 weeks to go!

On Sunday 3rd October the parish will be relaunching Children's Liturgy as **Children's Worship**. Any children attending Mass (9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00 noon) will have the opportunity to go out for Children's Worship at the start of Mass to worship and explore the Gospel together.

DON'T MISS IT!

Let the children come...

Message from the kitchen

The school lunch menu for the week commencing Monday 20th September will be:

Monday: Pizza, Doughballs and Sweetcorn

Tuesday: Chicken Pie, Mash and Peas

Wednesday: Spaghetti Bolognese

Thursday: Roast Dinner

Friday: Fish Fingers and Chips

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22 nd October 2021	Non-uniform day in school - wear pink
Friday 22 nd October 2021	School finishes for half term 3.20pm
Monday 1 st November 2021	INSET DAY 2
Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	School re opens

God Bless

Yours sincerely



John P Hayes
Headteacher