

# ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Learning with Love, Strength and Faith, following the example of Jesus*



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Dear St Mary's Families,

## COVID-19 Guidance Update

Welcome back to Term 5. We hope you had a restful Easter break and it has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term and we will be making the most of using our outdoor learning opportunities as the weather improves.

We are very much hoping for less Covid disruption this term. The current guidance from the DfE is that:

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- If people decide to carry out their own test, **adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days**, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is **3 days** if they present a positive test result.

Unless there are specific cases (agreed with the Head of School) that warrant resources being sent home, when children are too unwell to attend school, we will not be providing home or remote learning resources.

Although testing and self-isolation is no longer a legal requirement, we do have a duty of care in relation to the health and safety of our school community and will still be taking measures to prevent the spread of Covid. The government has advised that all settings should have in place baseline infection prevention and control measures that will help to manage the spread of infection:

- Ensuring all eligible groups are encouraged to take up the offer of national vaccination programmes including COVID-19 and flu.
- Ensuring occupied spaces are well-ventilated and let fresh air in.
- Reinforcing good hygiene practices such as hand washing and cleaning.

Covid presents a low risk of serious illness to most children and young people. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections.

During terms 5 and 6, statutory assessments will be taking place across the school:

**Year 1** – Phonics Screening. Taking place in the week beginning 6th June 2022

**Year 2** – End of Key Stage 1 SATS assessments in reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling. Teacher assessment in writing. Taking place during May 2022.

**Year 4** – Multiplication Tables Check. Taking place across the weeks beginning 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Year 6** – End of Key Stage 2 SATS assessments in reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling. Teacher assessment in writing. Taking place in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



If your child is in these year groups, you will receive additional information about these assessments shortly. We are fully aware that these are the first statutory assessments taking place since the school lockdowns and we have worked hard to ensure any learning gaps have been addressed.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's Class Teacher in the first instance or email via the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

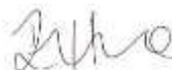
Yours sincerely,



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