



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 25th February

FULL SCHOOL RE-OPENING ON MONDAY 8th MARCH

On Monday 22nd February, the Prime Minister announced the government's plan for the return of all pupils to schools and colleges, as part of the [roadmap for leaving lockdown](#).

St Richard's RC Primary School will be open for all pupils from Monday 8th March 2021. Attendance is mandatory and all parents are expected to send their child to school from Monday 8th March 2021 onwards.

Full details of entry and exit times and procedures will be published in next week's newsletter as well as on our school website but are likely to be very similar to the arrangements we had in place when we re-opened in September 2020.

The Department for Education (DfE) has stated: *'the overwhelming evidence is that the risk to children and young people from coronavirus (COVID-19) is low, but the risks to children and young people of being out of school and college are high and increase the longer restrictions on education are in force. Whilst education settings can be places where transmission occurs, there is no strong evidence of them driving largescale community transmission'*.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK AT THE GATES

Once all children return to school on Monday 8th March, it is vital that all parents and carers wear a mask or other face covering every time they drop off and pick their children up. This is to reduce the risk of transmission at the school gates and is designed to protect everyone - parents, children and our staff. If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, please let a member of staff know. If you do not, please wear one.

RETURNING SCHOOL LAPTOPS

If you have borrowed a school laptop, we do want it back but please do not return it to school on Monday 8th March. Further instructions will follow.

RETURNING CGP BOOKS

Similarly, we want all children to return the CGP workbooks which were posted out in early January but please do not return these to school on Monday 8th March. Further instructions will follow.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: ST JOSEPH'S PENNY

We are now just over a week into the Church season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period of prayer, fasting and helping others. At St Richard's, the focus of our Lenten alms-giving (helping the poor) will be through supporting St Joseph's Penny. All the money raised by St Joseph's Penny is used to support Caritas in the Diocese of Salford. Caritas is a Catholic charity which responds to poverty and social injustice in our local area. All contributions are gratefully received and deeply appreciated. Please consider making a donation in one of the ways explained below:

For families to pay in raised funds	
Method	Details
Text Giving	To donate £2 please text SJP to 70460. If a UK tax payer, gift aid makes it worth £2.50 to the charity, at no extra cost to the donor. To give £2 but opt out of marketing, text the words NO INFO SJP to the same no.
If setting up a fundraising 'event' that sponsors can pay in safely	To start fundraising and make your own page, link it to the Caritas one here please: https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/SJP2021
Bank transfer	Caritas Diocese of Salford Account 41523268 Sort code 16-00-18 Reference: SJP & your school name
Debit or credit card	Online https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/SJP2021/ Reference: SJP & school name

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word team continue to support families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. These are available every Wednesday by visiting www.wednesdayword.org, clicking "Schools please enter here for the Primary School version" and then following the link. This Wednesday's Word is **SACRED**. The Wednesday Word is in the holiday booklet format at the moment but will return to its usual online format next Wednesday.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2021

Last year we had an amazing World Book day with everyone dressing up brilliantly and undertaking a range of amazing activities. This year – like so much else – World Book Day will not be the same. When pupils return to school they will be given a £1 World Book day token. The small number of children currently attending school should not dress up for World Book Day on Thursday 4th March but should wear school uniform. We look forward to a bigger and better World Book day 2022.

BBC ASIAN NETWORK: VACCINE SCAMS

The BBC Asian Network has created some information on coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine scams and made it available on social media. The information includes videos in [Urdu](#), [Sylheti](#), [Punjabi](#), [Tamil](#) and [Gujarati](#) for Twitter, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). You can also find these on the [BBC news website](#).

HOME LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Please visit the school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/> for the most up to date information about our Home Learning provision and our expectations.

ONLINE SAFETY

We want all our pupils to be safe every day in every way and, with so much learning taking place online at the moment, internet safety is more important than ever. Please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021> for more information about this year's event. Please also go to <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/home-learning-from-january-2021/> for links to a range of resources that will help keep your child learning safely online.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8 th March	School reopens to all pupils
Sunday 14 th March	Mothering Sunday
Wednesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Sunday 28 th March	Palm Sunday
Sunday 28 th March	British Summer Time begins (clocks move forward by 1 hour at 1am on 28/03/21)
Thursday 1 st April (Maundy Thursday)	School breaks up for Easter Holidays
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday
Sunday 4 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 5 th April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Monday 12 th April	School reopens following Easter holidays
Monday 12 th April	Ramadan begins

With every best wish and hoping that you all stay safe and well,

Mr J Murray
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