



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 1st July 2021

FURTHER BUBBLE CLOSURE AT ST RICHARD'S

On Wednesday 30th June our Class 7 Bubble began self-isolation at home as a result of a member of class testing positive for COVID-19. This means that C7 will have to stay at and learn from home using Google Classroom until Friday 9th July. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation. We appreciate the stress and disruption that bubble closures cause but – despite recent media speculation about a possible change in policy in this area from September 2021 onwards – as a school we must continue to abide by current local and national regulations and guidance in order to safeguard health and help stop the transmission of COVID-19.

POP UP COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

In order to meet the increasing demand for vaccinations in our area, pop up vaccination clinics will be open between Saturday 26th June and Sunday 18 July 2021 at:
Belle Vue Sports Village, M12 5GH, 9am - 8pm, Pfizer first dose or second dose (there is a [free shuttle service](#) for this clinic) and at Moss Side Leisure Centre, M15 5NN, 9am to 8pm, Pfizer first dose or second dose.

If you have had your first dose of the vaccine, you need to wait 8 weeks before having the second dose. This applies to everyone aside from women attending a pregnancy drop-in where the wait is 4 weeks.

Neither of the walk-in clinics currently offers the Moderna vaccine. For more information, please visit:
[https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500362/covid-19/8079/covid-19_vaccination_programme/5?utm_content=&utm_medium=ema](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500362/covid-19/8079/covid-19_vaccination_programme/5?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)
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FACE TO FACE TRANSITION FOR Y6 PUPILS CANCELLED

As a result of the additional risks to schools that traditional face-to-face transition activities would create due to the number of children mixing (as well as because of the current Enhanced Response Area status of Greater Manchester and increasing transmission of variants of concern across Manchester), Manchester City Council has made the decision that **face to face transition events for Year 6 pupils will not be going ahead this half-term**. Instead, transition activities will be delivered using creative/non-traditional methods instead.

At St Richard's we have a wide range of high schools that our pupils will transfer to. These schools will all have different (sometimes competing) requests for transition activities with our Year 6 pupils. If requests can reasonably be accommodated, then they will be. These will be dealt with on a case by case basis and – despite our best efforts – it may not be possible to meet every high school's transition activity requests.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES TO REMAIN IN PLACE

Greater Manchester remains an **Enhanced Response Area** due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in the region. As a result, it is very important that we all stick carefully to all the measures in place locally - including at our school - which are designed to reduce COVID-19 transmission, including parents maintaining social distance and wearing masks at drop-off and pick-up times. You are also urged and encouraged to take up the offer of vaccination and to continue with regular lateral flow testing, where relevant and appropriate.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HAIR FOR HEADLICE

Occasionally there are outbreaks of head lice in school. If your child does have head lice, please don't worry as the condition is easily treatable. Regular hair care may help to spot lice at an early stage. The best way to stop infection is for families to check their heads regularly using a detection comb.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS ARE DANGEROUS

Pupils at St Richard's should not be transported to school on electric scooters and they should not be riding them on the roads around school – or any other roads for that matter. It is illegal to ride them in a public place. Under UK law, it's permitted to ride an electric scooter on private land as long as you have the landowner's permission. But it's an offence to ride them in public – including on paths, pavements and roads. If you're caught riding an e-scooter without insurance, you could receive an on-the-spot fine of £300 and six penalty points.



ORDERING THIS YEAR'S CLASS PHOTO

By the end of this week your child(ren) ought to have brought home a leaflet with a sample copy of their class photograph for this year (Class 8 had their photo taken today so it will come home with them a little later, hopefully next week). Should you wish to purchase your child's class photo, please note that you must pay for all orders online or by telephoning Class Photos. Photographs should be paid for by bank card directly to the photography company – not school. **Please do not send your child into school with money for photographs** as this will hold up the ordering process.

NURSERY INDUCTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

As an unfortunate consequence of Covid restrictions continuing, we cannot invite our new Nursery parents into school before the end of this academic year. Therefore, we will be sending out envelopes to all new Nursery parents with full Nursery induction materials. Please read these instructions carefully and fully and please follow the links for online induction information from our staff.

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 week's Wednesday Word is **WELCOME**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

(Please note that some of the dates below are provisional and subject to change, depending on COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time)

Friday 9 th July	Annual Pupil Reports issued to parents today
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers' Awards Assembly at 9.15am (more details and guidance will follow)
Wednesday 21 st July	Pupils break up for Summer holidays today
Wednesday 8 th September	Reception to Year 6 pupils return to school today

With every best wish,

Mr J Murray

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