



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## **WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

The Wednesday Word team continue to support families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. This week's (yesterday's) edition is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/joy?pid=MTA101634&v=48.3>

This Wednesday's Word is **JOY**.



## **PCR TESTING CHANGES FOR ASYMPTOMATIC PEOPLE**

From Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, if you don't have coronavirus symptoms but you test positive on a lateral flow test, **you no longer need to take a PCR test to confirm the result.**

These are the new rules for England and come into force as a surge in Omicron cases has seen many people struggle to book follow-up PCR tests. The change reflects the high prevalence of coronavirus in the community and the accuracy of rapid tests, says the UK Health Security Agency.

## **OTHER RECENT COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATES**

Since Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take a LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY**

At the start of each school day it is vitally important that all our pupils arrive on time. There is a very generous window of opportunity for this at St Richard's - between 8.30am and 8.58am. Punctuality is essential as it sets the tone for the whole day, reduces pupil anxiety and maximises learning opportunities. At the end of the day we always expect **parental punctuality** - picking your child(ren) up on time. Many thanks in advance for your full support and cooperation.

## **RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER**

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

## **WINTER UNIFORM FOR JANUARY 2022**

This is a reminder that, from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 onwards, all our pupils **must** still be in winter uniform. This consists of:

**GIRLS' WINTER UNIFORM:** Dark grey skirt or pinafore dress, blue blouse, school tie, school sweatshirt or cardigan (plain navy, preferably with the school logo. No other logo is allowed). Girls are allowed to wear grey or black tights or grey, black or white socks. Girls may wear dark grey school trousers.

**BOYS' WINTER UNIFORM:** Dark grey school trousers, blue shirt, school tie, school sweatshirt (plain navy, preferably with the school logo. No other logo is allowed).

**We are very grateful for parental assistance in making sure that school shirts and ties are always worn smartly.**

## **RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

It is vitally important that parents receive and read this newsletter every week. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon but if you wish to receive the newsletter every week by email then simply send:

1. Your full name
2. Name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) at our school
3. Preferred email address
4. The message '*I consent to school using my email address in order to send me a copy of the newsletter each week of term.*

to [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and you will be added to the mailing list.

## **CONSULTATION ON THE REVISION OF ST RICHARD'S ADMISSION POLICY FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

A consultation period on revisions to our current admissions policy began on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and any comments or objections must be received by 4pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please find the link to the proposed revised policy on our school website at:

<https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/admissions/>

Following approval from the Governing Body of St Richard's, the proposed changes will bring our school into alignment with the current model admissions policy from the Diocese of Salford.

Should you wish to make any comments or objections, please forward them to [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) no later than 4pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. All comments or objections will be considered and the final admission arrangements will be determined by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

## **APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR 2022**

The closing date for applying for a Reception place for your child for a September 2022 start is **NEXT MONDAY, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. Manchester City Council will send offers of places to those who applied on-time on National Offer Day, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Please remember a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. Applying late means you have less chance of getting your preferred school. Please apply online and on time at:

<https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

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