



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 20th January 2022

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.

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/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=49.4>

This Wednesday's Words are **GOOD NEWS**.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE SELF-ISOLATION PERIOD FOR THOSE WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

From Monday 17th January 2022, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

From Tuesday 11th 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.

CLOSE CONTACTS OF SOMEONE WITH COVID-19

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs Varley's baby has arrived! She arrived last Wednesday night at 8.11pm (too late for last week's newsletter), weighing 7 pounds and 11 ounces and she is called Thea. I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Varley and their new baby girl.

WINTER UNIFORM FOR JANUARY 2022

This is a reminder that, from Wednesday 5th 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 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 10th December 2021 and any comments or objections must be received by 4pm on Monday 24th 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 no later than 4pm on Monday 24th January 2022. All comments or objections will be considered and the final admission arrangements will be determined by 28th February 2022.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School