



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## **COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN ENGLAND ('PLAN B') BEING EASED FROM TODAY (THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY)**

Despite the Government's announcement about an end to 'Plan B' restrictions from today, people who test positive for COVID-19 still have to self-isolate for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 days. Last week at St Richard's, we had 2 staff members and 18 pupils (the highest ever simultaneous number of pupil cases at St Richard's) isolating with COVID-19. Every year group at St Richard's (except Y4) had at least one pupil case last week. In Manchester, pupil infection rates are still increasing in primary schools and many of our schools are continuing to struggle with staff absences.

We have been reassured by the governing body of St Richard's and by Manchester local authority that it is still within the gift of our school to retain measures where the context warrants it. This is certainly the case for St Richard's whilst we are still experiencing such high rates. Therefore, our September 2021 Whole School Risk Assessment (available on the home page of the school website) remains in place for the time being in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to reduce the disruption to pupils' learning which COVID-19 related absence causes.

## **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.

## **DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD BY CAR**

Please do not park on or near the yellow zig-zag road markings close to the entrances to school on Sutcliffe Avenue, Wilshire Avenue or Norton Avenue. This is illegal. It is illegal because it is dangerous. We have asked Traffic Enforcement Officers to visit our school as often as they can at the start and end of the school day. They will issue penalty fines to anyone breaking the law and endangering the safety of the children who attend this school. The Traffic Enforcement Officers issued three fines outside our school last week. They are going to be around school more often – so please be warned.

Instead of risking a costly fine, please build 5 more minutes in to your morning and end of day routines in order to allow you to park up safely and legally and walk your child into school without endangering them or anyone else. Thank you for your complete understanding and cooperation.

## **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 **GOD'S LOVE**.

## **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)

## **FLU VACCINATION CATCH-UP**

Public Health England/ NHS sent a text to all parents on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022, to advise that you can still book your child in for a flu vaccination.

The text asked parents to contact 119 service should they have missed the flu sessions in schools. You may be tempted to contact the school directly for advice but we kindly request that, instead, you use the Flu email address (see below) to reduce the number of calls to our school office.

Intrahealth is commissioned by Public Health to deliver the school flu immunisation programme. The team has prepared external clinic catch up sessions to deliver additional flu vaccines within Manchester local authority, outside of school hours. Please note that parents can contact the IntraHealth flu vaccination team on the email below to book in appointments this month. (Please give school name/borough and a contact number in the email). The email address is: [gmschoolflu@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:gmschoolflu@intrahealth.co.uk)

## **St RICHARD'S BIG GAME!**

(Written by Gabriella)

**Team - Adam, Ivana, Gabby, Barack, Aaron, Sienna D and Tresor**

Some of St Richards best basketball players, teamed up to go and play St Francis' A, St Francis' B and Armitage. This competition was held at St Peter's.

Adam scored an amazing 11 points!

Gabby scored an incredible 4 points!

Barack scored an impressive 3 points!

The rest did not score any but still played a big part: teamwork, determination, respect and honesty.

We won all of our games except one against Armitage!

Overall, we came second, which is amazing! Even though we did not win, we all worked together and had a fantastic time!



## **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.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

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