



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 6th January 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope that you had a very happy Christmas and we wish all our pupils, parents, carers, staff and governors a very happy and prosperous new year 2022. The spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 continues to challenge us all but the roll out of the national booster vaccination programme offers us hope for the not too distant future. Please get your COVID-19 vaccinations as soon as they are available to you. As a child-focused, cheerful and resilient community, I am certain that we can face and overcome the current challenges together this term, with the aim of keeping safe, keeping learning and keeping smiling.

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Loving Father, in the Epiphany

Your love was revealed to us in the form of a child.

As we kneel before the holy infant with the wise men and adore...

We offer the gold of our hearts – what is best in us;

We offer the frankincense of our prayers – for ourselves and each other;

We offer the oil of myrrh – a sign of our commitment to you.

Bless all those in our school community who came from near and from afar

In order to join our community, bless their families.

May we all be at home in the presence of the child Jesus. Amen.

RECENT COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATES

Since Wednesday 22nd 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.

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS HUTCHISON!

Many congratulations to Miss Hutchison (our Class 2 teacher) who got married over the Christmas break. We wish Miss Hutchison and her husband all the very best for the future.

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.

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 **Monday 17th January 2022**.

Manchester City Council will send offers of places to those who applied on-time on National Offer Day, 19th 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 every best wish for a happy and prosperous New Year,

Mr J Murray

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