



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 10th March 2022

SPRING TERM VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING

We are holding a whole school virtual Parents Afternoon/Evening on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 (very similar to the one in the Autumn term 2021). Appointments will be available from 1.15pm – 3.15pm and from 4pm to 6pm. It is important that you make an appointment so that your child's class teacher can let you know how they are doing in school. All appointments will last 5 minutes.

We will again be using online software called 'School Cloud' for both the appointment booking system and the 5-minute video appointments with your child's class teacher. Your child will bring home a letter on Monday 14th March 2022 which clearly states the name of the teacher that you must make your parents evening appointment with. The School Cloud system works with mobile phones as well as laptops, PCs and tablets. You will be able to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment(s).

Please visit <https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. The appointment booking window will open at 4pm on Monday 14th March and it will close at 4pm on Monday 21st March. Changes to appointments or new appointment requests will not be possible after this date. A parents' video guide can be viewed here: [Parent Guide for Video Appointments.](#)

COVID-19 UPDATES

The Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. However, adults and children who test positive are still advised by the Government to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government no longer asks fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days. Routine contact tracing has also ended. Staff, children and young people who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 should attend their education settings as usual.

Please be aware that the DfE have advised all schools that, in the unlikely event of a parent insisting on their child attending school when they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, schools can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ON COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR AT RISK 5 TO 11 YEAR OLDS

The Department for Education has asked us to share the following information with parents and carers of at risk 5 to 11 year olds:

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

At St Richard's we are really proud of our broad, balanced and exciting school curriculum. We want parents and carers to be aware of and take an interest in what your children will be learning during the school year. With this in mind, we invite and encourage you to visit <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2021-22/> in order to see the wide range of subjects on offer at St Richard's. If you click on any of the hyperlinks in your child's year group long term plan, you will see the 'Learning Journeys' that your child will follow this year. Please ask your child about their Learning Journeys.

CADENT GAS WORKS

Essential maintenance work is currently taking place on Sutcliffe Avenue by a company called Cadent. This work is likely to last 2 to 3 weeks. Please take extra care when bringing your child to school and when picking them up. Parents who drive to school may find it easier (and it is always safer) to park up further away and walk their child to school. Please be extra considerate to our neighbours on Sutcliffe Avenue who are already having to ensure disruption to their usual routines. Traffic enforcement officers continue to regularly patrol the streets around St Richard's.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is back to its usual format this week. If you or your children are as yet undecided about how you could manage to pray some extra prayers this Lent, the Wednesday Word is the ideal aid to age-appropriate prayers which are linked to the Sunday Gospels throughout the season of Lent. I am sure that you would find this a rewarding whole-family activity. Please go to: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/encouragement?pid=MTA101634&v=54.12> This week's Wednesday Word is **ENCOURAGEMENT**.

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL LENT 2022

At St Richard's, we are supporting 'St Joseph's Penny' during Lent. All the money raised by St Joseph's Penny is used to support Caritas in the Diocese of Salford. Caritas is a Catholic charity which responds to poverty and social injustice in our local area. All contributions are gratefully received and deeply appreciated. If you are able, please consider making a donation via the link at: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/SJP22>

FRANCIS HOUSE'S CREME EGG APPEAL

This year, we are supporting Francis House's Crème Egg appeal. We are running a competition to see which class can collect the most Crème Eggs (or other chocolate eggs similar in size to a Cadbury's crème egg). The eggs that your child brings into school will be donated to Francis House to sell across the city and there will be a small prize for the class in our school that collects the most. The competition is now open (many thanks for the donations so far) and will run until 18th March 2022. Any contributions of chocolate eggs from any manufacturer (crème egg sized) would be greatly appreciated; thank you for your support in advance. More information about the appeal can be found here: <https://www.francishouse.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/our-annual-fundraisers/easter-chick-knit/>

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD TO START NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2022?

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 and you would like them to attend full time in the Nursery at St Richard's RC Primary School from September 2022, then please contact the school office as soon as possible for an admission form. Your child will be added to the waiting list for admission to our Nursery class in September 2022. Places are in high demand and offers are starting to be sent out already.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School