



# ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Living and working as Jesus taught us*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start our Christmas break, I would like to personally thank you all for your support from September, it has been amazing. Our school community has rallied together to adapt to the changes that we have had to make to keep everyone safe. As I have stated so many times in letters to you all, a lot of the changes made will help us in the future to keep our school running smoothly.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. This term has been different from previous autumn terms but to see our children happy, confident and respectful on a daily basis brings us all so much joy. Thanks again for all your support and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2020** with the same drop off times that are currently in place. Please remember to check our weekly newsletter for important updates on what takes place and will be taking place in our school. There will be no extra curricular clubs on the first week back and we will aim to start them on the week beginning Monday 11th January. Please also note that breakfast and wraparound club will start again on Tuesday 5th January and places can be booked on this through our school App. We have included some important messages in regards to COVID-19 for over the Christmas period and if you need to contact our school.

## COVID-19 Christmas Period

As we come to the end of this Autumn term there is some important information which all the schools in our Central Collaborative have been asked to share with all our families as we begin our Christmas break. Please read the information below carefully and hopefully some of your queries or concerns may be addressed.

## What if my Child develops symptoms of covid over the Christmas break?

Testing is available over the holiday. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 . If the test is positive the child and their close contacts must self isolate for 10 days. The day symptoms develop or the positive test is received is counted as Day 0 so you must isolate for a further 10 days after this. This may run into the beginning of the new term so if this is the case, please let your school know as soon as they reopen in January. There is no need to contact school if the test is positive more than 48 hours after they have been in school. For example, school finishes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec and your child begins to develop covid symptoms **and** has a positive test on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December or any day after that, there is no need to contact school.





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**What if my child tests positive for Covid within 48 hours of being in school OR was in school displaying symptoms of covid and then subsequently tested positive in the following days?**

You will only need to contact school if you receive a **positive test** result for your child in the following situations :

1. Your child developed symptoms in the last few days of school and you have since received a **positive test**
2. Your child developed symptoms in the 48 hours since school closed and then receives a positive test. For example, if your school finishes on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and they develop symptoms on Friday / Saturday and then receive a positive test; if your school finishes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and they develop symptoms on Saturday / Sunday and then receive a positive test
3. Your child has received a **positive test** from one of the Liverpool City Regions mass asymptomatic testing sites and has received a confirmatory PCR test and—was **in school** for any period within the two school days (48 hours) before the school broke up. -

Please follow the school's procedures for reporting cases and email the school on [covid19@stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk](mailto:covid19@stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk)

In cases of emergency, when you are unable to follow the school's procedures, and strictly only to report possible school contact in the 48 hour window mentioned above you can contact 0151 443 4712 or email [COVID19.SPOC@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:COVID19.SPOC@knowsley.gov.uk)

***This number is not a helpline and cannot be used for any other reason or for advice.***

## **Christmas bubbles**

With Christmas fast approaching, ensure you know the rules about creating a Christmas Bubble before you make plans. You can meet with people from no more than 3 households in total from 23-27 December only. From 28 December, Tier 2 arrangements will continue which means you can't mix with other households in any indoor setting. You can meet with up to 6 people in an outdoor setting ('rule of six'). <https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/christmas-bubbles-what-you-need-to-know/>

## **Changes to self-isolation**

From Monday 14 December, if you test positive for COVID you only need to self isolate for 10 days (previously 14 days). People in your household, support bubble or close contacts will need to self-isolate for 10 days too. <https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/changes-to-self-isolation-period-announced/>





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## Support line

The Knowsley Volunteer & Support Line is still available for people needing help and support with shopping, medication, dog walking or just someone to chat to. If you don't have family and friends and you're self-isolating, call the team on 0800 073 0043 or complete an online form on the council's website. <https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/remember-were-still-here-to-help/>

## Christmas opening times for SMART test centres

Residents are being encouraged to visit one of the borough's testing facilities if you don't have any symptoms. It can identify people with the virus who are unknowingly passing it on to others. In particular, you are encouraged to get tested after the festive break and before you return to school or work. Testing centres are open at Volair Leisure Centres in Halewood, Huyton and Kirkby for people who are not displaying symptoms. People can pass on the virus without knowing they have COVID, so getting tested can identify people who need to self-isolate. Centres are open 9am-6pm Monday to Friday and 10am-4pm at weekends. <https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/lets-get-tested-knowsley-2/> The opening hours for the test centres have now been confirmed – no appointment is needed. <https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/get-tested-and-start-2021-covid-safe/>

## Important advice about New Year

Can you meet up with family and friends at New Year? The answer is no. The restrictions have only been relaxed for 5 days to allow family and friends to see each other for Christmas from 23-27 December. From 28 December, restrictions come back into force which mean you can't mix with other households in any indoor setting. If you meet outside, the rule of six applies. <https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/important-information-about-new-year/>

## Travel over the festive period

If travel is part of your festive plans, plan your journeys in advance. Bus services will continue to Christmas Day from 12pm until 6pm covering most hospital routes, Mersey Tunnel tolls will be free from 10pm on Christmas Eve until 6am on Boxing Day. Some transport services will finish earlier than usual so please check before you travel and remember to wear a face covering on public transport. <https://www.knowsleynews.co.uk/travel-advice-for-the-festive-season/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this important information and for your support and patience over the last term. Please take care of yourselves and we will see you all in the new year.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

