



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week it has become obvious that the rise in Covid cases across the UK, is also very apparent within Islington too. We currently have a number of children and parents self-isolating, and are referring more families than we have previously to carry out PCR tests. Only last week, I was informed that bubbles have had to close in neighboring schools, and this is extremely close to home.

Following on from this information and having carried out a risk assessment, we have concluded that unfortunately, we have to cancel the summer socials, which were recently arranged and organized by FOSJ. It is a real shame that we will not get the opportunity to come together as a community, and raise much needed funds for the school, however, I have to put the safety of the community first and foremost. Of the numerous jobs I have to fulfil by the end of term, my most important one is to keep the school open for all children by doing all I can to keep our environment safe. I have spoken with staff about being extra vigilant for the next four week with sanitization, and the use of PPE. I have reiterated that face masks/coverings need to be worn at the schools gates at drop off in the morning and collection at the end of the school day. Please can I ask that you support the school in doing the same and wear face coverings, unless exempt, and following current government guidelines to keep our school community safe.

## Conewood Street

A reminder that although Conewood Street is now a school street, and is closed to the public during drop off and pick up times, it is still a road. Children have been seen dashing up and down the middle of the road on scooters before and after school, which is not safe. Residents are still allowed to drive on this road at any time. I have spoken to the children about this in school, please can I ask that you reiterate this message at home too.

## Parent Survey

Please take some time to complete the school's parent survey. The survey is very helpful to the school and the ways in which we grow and develop to meet the needs of the whole school community. It will be available to access for the next two weeks, until **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**.

<https://www.gdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=11907-34934-26619345>





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## Kidz Club

I am very happy to announce that we are hoping to open and run an after school provision here at St John's from September. The after school provision will be run by members of the school staff, for the pupils of St John's. It will proceed from the end of the school day until 6pm, Monday to Friday through term time. This provision will also be available for children who currently take part in an after school club until 4.30pm, to access once the club finishes, until 6pm. We will only be able to run the Kidz Club if we have enough interest. To help us get an idea of whether we have the ability to do this, please register your interest through the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeffS1UYbDicScWfhW9xKWLOuBYigHUUJLxcfdRDaIXkAssFeQ/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeffS1UYbDicScWfhW9xKWLOuBYigHUUJLxcfdRDaIXkAssFeQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Pride Week

This month happens to be LGBTQ Pride Month, which is when many people show in different ways, like in parades or in advertisements, that they are either proud of who they are, or that they support the differences of others and their place within society. In school, the Key Stage 2 children will all have a short introduction into what Pride month is, and will complete a small booklet about the understanding of the word Pride. They will look at ways in which they have pride in themselves, and how everyone in society is different, and difference can be celebrated not feared or questioned.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

