



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, we made it through our first half term, albeit a little frazzled, but definitely still smiling with only one positive case. There have been many adjustments, a few major and some minor in order to keep the school running safely and smoothly amidst all the changes to government guidelines and procedures. Thank you for your continued support of the decisions we have made and of the school community as a whole.

However, hold on to your hats, as unfortunately, with Covid-19 still hanging around and the country stepping deeper into the cold and flu season, I fear further adjustments may be coming our way.

Please rest assured, that whatever happens, we will continue to keep the channels of communication open and try our very best to ride the rollercoaster with as few dips as possible.

Some Changes

You may have noted that the main school gate has been open from 8:45am, this will continue after half term and is to further reduce congestion on Conewood Street. Please continue to arrive at school at the same time as you have been and do not arrive any earlier.

Covid Update

No further cases of covid-19 have been reported in our school community. As mentioned last week, all schools in Islington have now been directed to manage reports of positive cases by following the guidance produced by the London Corona Response Cell.

An outline of the protocol can be seen below:

1. Receive notification of a positive case in the school community.
2. Identify 'contacts' using the contact tracing questions and the risk assessment checklist.
In primary schools this is likely to be the whole class or bubble group and the associated teaching team.
3. Notify the 'contacts' and send out the information about self-isolation.
4. Send out a letter to the school community to notify them there has been a positive case in the school community.

Remote Learning

If classes or bubble groups need to self-isolate, they will be provided with home learning materials on Google Classroom. This will include daily Google Meets sessions with their classmates and teaching team. The school office are able to provide IT support, including loaning IT equipment if necessary.

School photographs

On Tuesday 3rd November 2020, the children will be having their individual and siblings photoshoot. Please make sure that the children are wearing their correct uniform along with their school jumper.





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Some Exciting News...

It is with great joy that I announce some more pregnancy news into the community of St. John's. Mrs Shaw is expecting her first baby at the end of February. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her and we look forward to the safe arrival of Baby Shaw.

We will be delighted to welcome back Mrs Hodgson in her role as Head of School when Mrs Shaw begins her maternity leave.

On that sunny note, we really hope that you enjoy your half term break and are able to find some time to come together as a family to relax. We look forward to welcoming our school community back safe and sound after half term. Look after yourselves and each other and take solace in our school vision 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' together we will get through this.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tonnie Read
Interim Executive Headteacher

