

St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

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"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."



Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I'd like to welcome the St. John Vianney Community back – staff, parents and of course, the lifeblood of our school, our wonderful children!

It has been so heartening to see their smiling faces and hear their news, chatter and excitement about being back where they belong, and all of our staff echo that sentiment.

The children have been so impressive in settling in and getting used to new routines and expectations, even our littlest SJV stars in reception and Key Stage 1 showed the country how it's done! So proud of them all.

It was so disappointing to have to put the school's safety plan into action so soon but in temporarily closing Class 2, we have made good on our commitment to ensure that any incidents are localised, dealt with swiftly and safely. We thank the children and parents in that 'bubble' for reacting so swiftly and calmly. I know the children were really disappointed that they had to leave, as were the staff believe me! But...they will be back soon.

I'm trying not to use the phrase 'the New Normal', but this is the New Normal at the moment and it best describes where we find ourselves. Planning has been detailed and meticulous and has given us the opportunity to continue operating, despite this setback.

This newsletter contains important information (mostly in the form of reminders) that will help keep transmission down, keep us safe and keep us open. I am certain that we all have strong motivation to do that. There simply is no room for complacency.

Finishing on a positive note, I'd like to go back to the joy that spread across the school on Monday, from Mr. Quin's alarm going off to the excitement of joining up with our classes! Ms. Kavanagh has been busy again – [CLICK HERE to view the SJV Return to School Experience!](#)

Have a great weekend – stay safe and we'll see you on Monday

Mr. McNicholas



**WELCOME
BACK**



Important reminders:

In order to ensure the safety of all and the continued operation of the school, I am asking you all to pay special attention to the following two points:

1) Please DO NOT send your child to school if they are unwell IN ANY WAY AT ALL.

- If they have 'sniffles', sore throat, headache, tummy ache, are sneezing or ANY other symptom that means they are not 100% - you must keep them at home until they are 100% better.
- Now is the time to **err on the side of caution.**
- **IF they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms**, then you **MUST** keep them at home, book a test and notify the school that you have done this.

Covid Symptoms

- A) High temperature (38 degrees and above)
- B) A continuous cough
- C) A change in your sense of taste or smell
- IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY SYMPTOMS, SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE OR CALL 111

2) Please observe STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING when dropping off and picking up children.

- Please ensure that you turn up **on time** – too early or too late invalidates the idea behind a staggered start/end
- Please leave promptly after collection
- Please stay 2m clear of all other parents, children and adults
- Drop off / Pick up is an incredibly sensitive time and your patience and understanding is essential – please do not question staff or challenge them on routines and arrangements – be assured, they have been carefully thought through.

Nursey & Reception Siblings

Parents who have children in Nursery or Reception **must not use these gates for older siblings.**

Older siblings must be brought to the main gates. They can be dropped off at the same time as their younger siblings but they must not enter through the Early Years.

This is for health and safety reasons, and to ensure that children are properly supervised while waiting in the playground.

We appreciate your continued support.

Covid-19 Information

[Our website](#) has been updated to include some useful links and information. It includes:

- A Visitors' Guide
- The School's Risk Assessment
- Guidance on Face Coverings
- Safe Use of Public Transport
- Guidance for Families and people who are Isolating
- Latest Shielding Guidance and Advice



STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...

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This week's stars!

Once we are back into a settled routine, we will of course be celebrating our weekly stars and birthdays as usual. For now, this group of superstars stood out in a very unusual and exciting week!

