



Autumn Term
December 2020

Dear Families,

We have been faced with a particularly challenging year. I wanted to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support throughout. St Matthias is a very special school, this is down to the children, the staff and you, the wonderful parents and carers. We are thankful for the trust and faith you place in us to keep your children safe and give them the best quality education.

We share in the concerns and worries around the rising cases of covid in the area. As a school we have only three children who have tested positive for covid, which is low for the borough but still concerning. It means we have three bubbles closed and have closed our play centre until the end of term. Those who tested positive are well and we wish them a speedy recovery. We are asking all staff to do a covid test before their return to ensure we do not bring covid into the building post Christmas. We will continue to follow our stringest safety measures and cant wait to see you in the new year.

Thank you for being so responsive. I know that at short notice you have had to come and collect children or change plans. I'm sorry this has been the case. So many of you are doing an amazing job overseeing home learning and turning your homes into classrooms.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Sending love and blessings to one and all,

Wishing you a good tidings and a happy new year,

Mrs Blewett





After school Clubs

After school clubs will run from 3:30-4:30pm
Collection from Cowper Road

EYFS clubs Nursery & Rec	Year 1& 2 clubs	Year 3&4 clubs	Year 5 clubs	Year 6 clubs
Monday Creative club	Monday Sports club	Monday Book Making	Wednesday Music here	
Friday Sports club	Wednesday Art Club	Wednesday Sports Club	Tuesday Sports Club Thursday Athletics	Thursday Sports club Tuesday Athletics
Book here	Book here	Book here	Book here	Book here

*Please note music is now a year 5 only club

**We have successfully achieved the second stage
of the Rights Respecting Schools Award.**

At St Matthias we are now **Silver: Rights Aware.**





What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. 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.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Have a lovely holiday!



See you on
Tuesday 5th January 2021

