

SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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Academic Year 2021-2022 - Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to our school family of SS John and Monica's and a new academic year.

After what was an eventful academic year 20-21, we are very much looking forward to having the children back with us in school under more normal circumstances. (Please see additional letter regarding arrangements for start of school of term – Monday 6th Sept).

The Government released operational guidelines for schools during the summer holidays, with the main changes being;

- Masks are no longer compulsory in schools
- Pupils are no longer required to be in 'Bubbles'
- Schools are no longer responsible for contact tracing
- Those who are fully vaccinated or under 18 years of age do not need to self-isolate, but are advised to get a PCR test if they are identified as being a close contact

In terms of basic measures, the following will continue:

- Regular lateral flow testing for school staff in Primary schools will continue
- Ensuring good hygiene, including frequent and thorough hand cleaning
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

If you would like more information regarding the government guidelines click [Here](#).

In the event that positive Covid cases within the school start to rise, it sets out a suggested threshold for considering extra action:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

In which case, Public Health advice would be sought and additional measures may have to be put in place for a short period of time, such as:

- A further enhanced cleaning regime
- The wearing of face coverings as a temporary measure temporarily in certain circumstances
- A re-introduction to shielding for affected staff
- A limit to whole school mixing, residential educational visits, open days, parental attendance in settings, live performances in settings etc

We do hope, of course, that none of the above measure have to be temporarily reintroduced.

We look forward to a positive and productive year and thank you for your continued support to our school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs M Elliott', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher