

SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Temperatures – Digital Readings

From Monday, we will be adding another protective measure and ask our parents to continue to support us in keeping our school community safe.

As teachers in Reception class are unable to keep a distance of 1 meter plus from pupils in Reception (due to the nature of the learning environment), we will be taking a digital temperature of Reception children on entry into school. It is also often difficult for very young children to communicate and articulate if they are feeling unwell, so we feel that this will be a positive step to protect pupils and staff. Staff will still wear their PPE equipment in Reception, as they have been, to continue to protect pupils and themselves.

As staff in all other classes will be all be wearing PPE equipment and will be able to keep a distance within class, at the minute, this measure will not be rolled out to other classes. However, if any child comes into school looking slightly unwell/peaky, they will have their temperature taken on entry into school. At the minute, we only take a child's temperature if they report to feeling unwell. Depending on local virus rates and rates within school, we may have to extend this to all pupils. Digital thermometers have been purchased for all classes, on top of the existing ones already in school.

We ask that you continue to monitor your child's health carefully. If your child is unwell with any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19, including a temperature, cough or you are unsure, please do not send them into school. Call 119 (not the school office) if you require further advice regarding your child's symptoms. This is the cold season and there are lots of runny noses and coughs associated with the common cold going around. A cough associated with Covid-19 is described as a 'persistent dry cough' not a 'productive phlegmy cough'.

With winter approaching, we are also mindful that windows will need to be open in classrooms for extra ventilation. With this in mind, when the weather gets colder, please put an extra layer of underclothing on your child. This may be a thermal vest or simply a long-

sleeved T-shirt. Coats will not be worn in the classroom, but we do have a 'school fleeces' which may be purchased from Clive Marks which could also be worn in the classroom.

Please be rest assured that we are doing everything we can to put measures in place, which will go towards keeping our SS John and Monica school community safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mrs. M. Elliott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "E".

Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher