



## Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

Headteacher, Joanne Butterworth, Deputy Headteacher: Anna Quigg  
Assistant Headteacher: Sarah Dodd

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Thank you so much!

What a wonderful week we have had welcoming everybody back to school, thank you so much for your support of the one way system and wearing face masks. The children have settled back into school and working with their friends and teachers.

Please check Twitter to see the amazing activities taking place in school @StThomasMoreAlk.

### Home testing kits available for people in contact with school children.

As promised here is the information regarding the home testing kits.

As part of the government's roll out of regular testing to support the return to school for all pupils, testing packs for those in regular, sustained contact with school children are now available for collection from the following testing centre locations in the borough:

- **Rochdale** - in the car park at Rochdale Leisure Centre, Entwisle Road, Rochdale OL16 2HZ.
- **Middleton** - in the marquee on the Market Place Car Park next to Middleton Arena, Old Hall Street, Middleton M24 1AG.
- **Heywood** - Heywood Civic Centre, LCpl Stephen Shaw MC Way, Heywood OL10 1LW.

They can be collected any day 13:30 – 19:00, no booking required. The intention is that more locations are going to be added and we will share details of this once they are known.

The packs contain 7 tests for use at home and it is recommended that you are tested at least twice a week.

Any individual who has sustained contact with school children is eligible for these packs, that includes:

- Households of school children
- Members of support bubbles
- Childcare providers
- Those in related occupations where they come into sustained contact with school children

You can still attend regular FAST Testing at one of our many sites across the borough if you do not wish to take up the home testing offer. Find out more at [rochdale.gov.uk/FastTesting](https://rochdale.gov.uk/FastTesting)

Regular testing is still really important as we continue to live with Covid-19 and the vaccine is being rolled out.

If anyone has symptoms they must book on to a **PCR test** by dialling 119 or visiting [gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

**If anyone in your household is having a COVID PCR test you must not send the children to school until you receive the results. Please inform the office on 0161 643 7132 about the test or symptoms and with the result whether negative or positive.**

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### Car parking

PLEASE can I make another plea to all who come in a car to be courteous to our neighbours and not park in front of driveways. If you have an altercation with a neighbour sadly our office staff receive abusive phone calls. The police are regularly called and will start to take action.

### The Annex Club

The Annex Club hours have changed during the continuing lockdown it now opens at 7:30am and closes at 5:00pm. The early closure is to ensure that all areas are deep cleaned after use, before the next day. We will revisit the times in line with the governments roadmap out of the lockdown.

### Personal details

Please ensure that your email address and phone number are up to date as this is our preferred way to communicate. We will continue sending letters and newsletters via email in order for you have access to them. Email any updates to [Office@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:Office@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk)

Thank you again for all your support during this challenging time, we really appreciate working together for the safety of our whole community.

Best wishes,

Mrs Butterworth

Head teacher

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