



Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Update

Goodness where did January go, sadly we seem to have been hit quite badly since Christmas with children and staff. We are continuing to mitigate according to our Risk Assessment, this will be reviewed at February half term, but due to the high number of cases we are not relaxing any arrangements.

Due to the staffing issues at times we are having to make last minute changes to timetables and at times cancel after school arrangements. As a school we are working hard to ensure the children are maintaining face to face teaching, at times this has been a challenge due to the number of staff affected and supply agencies also not having available staff.

There is a legal requirement for school to report positive cases to Rochdale PHE and DfE which is why we ask for details of positive cases to be sent to the email address, below. When reporting we require information about any symptoms and the date they started. I realise there have been a number of changes to the isolation rules, however please take note of the following:-

- Day 0 is the day of the positive test
- Day 1 is the day after the test
- Day 5 – a test to be taken
- Day 6 – a test to be taken 24 hours after the day 5 test
- If both Day 5 and Day 6 (morning) are negative child can return to school.

Please send results to covid19@stthomasmorerc.rochdale.sch.uk

Year 6

We are in the process of planning for summer. However, as I am sure you can appreciate in the current circumstances this is proving to be quite difficult. Please bear with us and as soon as we have any information to share I and the UKS2 team will inform you.

Lunch and Annex Arrears

Please can we make a plea for all monies to be settled on time

- Lunch money = weekly
- Annex = monthly

The school budget is very tight at the moment and we are struggling to carry outstanding payments.

Best wishes,

Mrs Butterworth

Headteacher

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