



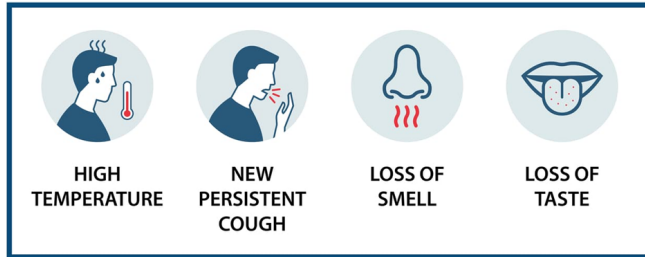
St. Ursula's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

With the Government announcing relaxations on Covid restrictions from Monday 17th May, I wanted to remind our school community that almost all of our protective measures remain in place. Not all of the changes announced by the Government will be reflected in schools across Havering. Staff at St Ursula's have worked extremely hard to keep our children safe from Covid-19, so please continue to support the arrangements we have in place. It is important to recognise that the virus has not gone away.



If your child develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell, they must remain at home to begin isolation. If in school they must be collected immediately. Arrange for your child to have a PCR test (not a Lateral Flow Test) as soon as possible to see if they have COVID-19. Other members of your household (including any siblings and members of their support childcare bubble if they have one) must self-isolate too. Like many of you, this pandemic has affected many of my teaching staff who have had to remain at home to isolate with their symptomatic children. With your continued support we can look forward to returning to normality in the near future. Mr Ashburn

THE CROWNING OF MARY . . . BY MISS GILLIGAN

Last week, on the 13th of May, the Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, we shared our crowning of Mary Assembly with you on our school website. The story of this feast day begins in the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, appeared to three young children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia; ages 10, 9 and 7.

As was the custom, these youngsters were tending their family's sheep when "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun... indescribably beautiful," standing above a bush, appeared to the youngsters, bringing with her messages of hope and peace for all.

On this day we remember Our Lady appearing to these children all those years ago, and we pray that she will be present in the lives of all of our St. Ursula's family, providing us with comfort, peace and the courage to say "Yes" to God. Following our tradition, the oldest and youngest children in our school met with Fr Joseph to crown Mary and offer her our prayers on behalf of our school community.



Watch the Crowning Of Mary [HERE](#)

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Luke's	100%
2	St Catherine's	100%
3	St Thomas'	99.23%
4	St Matthew's	99.21%
5	St Philomena's	98.51%

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is open. To book a place for your child/ren please use our Schoolcomms booking system. If you require any help or guidance with this booking system, please contact the school office on 01708 345200.

PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP

The Metropolitan Police are running a Gangs & Exploitation Awareness Training for Parents and Carers. The course is 3 weeks long, with 2-hour online sessions per week. Some of the focus areas will be:

- What street gangs are and what they do.
- To understand some of the language/social media used by gangs and young people.
- The different stages of exploitation and recognising some of the signs and symptoms of children who may have been exploited.
- Some of the reasons children may be more vulnerable to exploitation by gangs and the link to childhood trauma.

Thursdays 3rd, 10th & 17th June at 7-9pm. Click [HERE](#) to book a space.