

Monday 2nd November

Dear Parents/Carers

First and foremost welcome back to school to ALL the children I do hope everyone is safe and well. Although we had one case of positive COVID-19 over the holidays we are fully open as the case came after school closed and the exposure time had elapsed.

I am sure like me you were sad to hear the news over weekend of a new national lockdown. The good news though is that schools will remain open and we endeavour to continue to work tirelessly to ensure the situation is as normal for the children as possible. However we do have to work within certain guidelines and as stated before the half term break we will have to continue with our ways of working and procedures for the time being. I am extremely grateful for your support in all this as I know certain things are a challenge (particularly the drop offs and picks ups).

Perhaps the most upsetting though is the lack of Mass and assemblies and on the run up to Christmas the lack of events (Nativity, Carol Concert and Talent Show to name but a few). Rest assured the staff are working creatively to ensure our Christmas events are not fully cancelled - Updates to follow.

In the meantime please help us by ensuring as families you are following the correct guidance outside school and while dropping off and picking up you adhere to social distancing regulations. It is upsetting and unsettling when we have to close a class due to a positive case and with your support outside school we hope moving forward it is a rare occurrence. As a school it can be frustrating to hear different family groups are mixing and children are attending sleep overs etc when we are working so very hard to keep the virus under control at school. I look forward to your support.

Over the holidays Regatta Clothing in Trafford donated food for families which I delivered last Friday and today our Caritas Ambassadors delivered our Harvest collection to Stretford Food Bank which is now located near to the One Stop. Thank you all for your generosity. As stated previously we are here to help; if you know of someone who may be struggling at this time please get in touch (in confidence).

As the canteen is quite small and we only have one corridor we are continuing to serve packed lunches and not hot meals. Like everything this is under constant review. Dinner money for this half term will be £88.80 or £12 per week.

Thank you as always for your support and understanding in all we do.

Yours sincerely

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