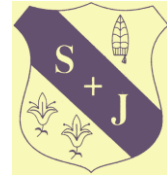




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Dear Parents and carers,

It really has been a joy to have our children back this term. They have made me extremely proud by the way they have continued to keep our school rules, especially by working hard, being well-behaved and being kind.

I have appreciated the support and words of gratitude from parents and carers. They are helping us all to continue doing what we do best in educating our children to the highest possible standards.

Thank you for your continued understanding regarding restrictions which are in place. We have not received any local or national guidelines about easing these restrictions, so until further notice, we will continue to have the following in place:

- **Classes starting and finishing at different times of the day (please don't arrive early or late as we are trying to have as few people on the premises at the same time as possible).**
- **Face coverings to be worn by all adults and high school pupils when on the premises (unless you are exempt).**
- **One adult or high school pupil per child or family when dropping off or collecting children.**
- **Adults and high school children keeping a safe 2 metres distance from others while on the school premises (especially if you are exempt from wearing a face covering). Please move along the path and keep the Zebra Crossing clear if you are collecting children from junior classes.**
- **Adults and high school children dispersing once their child has been dropped off or collected from school.**
- **Children and adults not attending school if they or someone in their house has coronavirus symptoms.**
- **Parents and carers reporting to school via phone call or e-mail if their child has coronavirus symptoms or has tested positive.**

By keeping to the above guidelines, you are all helping to keep our school open. Many Huyton schools have had to close one or more classes since we returned on 8<sup>th</sup> March. One local school has closed four, which you may have seen in the Liverpool Echo.

***Please be aware of the most recent information regarding testing:***

NHS Test and Trace is reintroducing confirmatory PCR testing for positive LFD tests conducted at all assisted testing sites. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either [online](#) or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days. Pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff member, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation.

When we return on 12<sup>th</sup> April, girls can wear a pale blue gingham check summer dress (not a gingham bottom half and white top half) with a grey school cardigan, white socks and black school shoes. Girls can wear their winter uniform throughout the year. Boys' uniform remains the same. Training shoes should not be worn.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, we will be commemorating St George's Day with children and staff wearing something red (tie, socks, hair ribbons, shirt, skirt etc but not a football top or kit) and a lunch menu featuring traditional English food.

Stay safe everyone.

*C. Newstead*

*"Easter is a feast of hope, a celebration of God's mercy and a call to pray for and assist all who suffer. "Pope Francis*

