



Diocese of Westminster
SS. Peter & Paul
Catholic Primary School

Head Teacher: Miss T M Peters

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a very challenging week at St Peter and St Paul. We currently have two staff members and two children who have tested positive for Covid-19 from our critical workers and vulnerable children groups which has led to our pod closures.

I urge you to get you and your family regularly tested using the lateral flow tests that can be taken at the Vibast Centre, close to the Co-op on Old Street. The test results are returned via text message to your mobile phone within 30 minutes. These are the tests that are taken when you have no symptoms. People who are asymptomatic but carrying the virus can pass it on to others and potential cause significant harm.

If you have symptoms, please go to the Finsbury Leisure Centre to be tested.

Children who have symptoms in school will be asked to get tested when they are sent home. Children who have been sent home with potential symptoms will not be able to return to school until evidence of a negative test is shown, or ten days of the symptom witnessed in school has lapsed.

If your child does test positive, they must not come to school. If you send your child into school with a positive result and not informing us, you are breaking the law.

I therefore would recommend those pupils in the 5/6 pod get tested at the Vibast before they return to school on the 25th January.

Google Classroom Etiquette

We have had several incidences this week of parents using Google Classroom to complain in a way that can only be described as rude and on occasion verging on aggressive. I would like to remind all parents and carers that staff are working in incredibly challenging circumstances to try to deliver the best education they can for your child while they are home schooled with you. There are ways and means of communicating with staff and using google meet sessions to complain or argue is not it.

Nursery Reopening

We have had to delay reopening Nursery due to staffing shortages as a result of isolating for COVID-19. We will contact parents at the end of next week with a view to opening on the 1st of February.

Pod Closures for Critical Worker's Children and Vulnerable Children.

Year 1,2,3 and 4 will remain closed until Monday the 1st of February for all children within these groups.

Year 5 and 6 will reopen on Monday 25th January.

Free School Meal Vouchers will be allocated to those eligible during pod closures.

Absence of Critical and Vulnerable Children

If your child has been allocated place during this school closure period, you must inform us in advance if they are going to be absent. Failure to do this will result in a withdrawal of their allocated place.

School Communications

Can all parents and carers ensure that they have cleared inboxes and are able to receive school communication. Many emails sent from parentsupport are bouncing back due to "this inbox is at capacity", and therefore we must inform parents via the Classlist class groups. It is imperative during this time, especially for those who are attending school, that their inboxes can receive information and that parents and carers check them regularly. We often have very short notice and must email parents and carers regarding pod closures in the late evening. Please ensure you read communications thoroughly and ensure they are relevant to you e.g. if your child is not in school, it will not apply to them.

Please note, questions and queries must be sent to the parentsupport email address. Questions posted to Classlist may not be answered as we do not receive notifications for these or check them regularly.

Word on Wednesday

"Dear brothers and sisters, be an active presence in the community." Pope Francis

Appropriate from Pope Francis....get tested for the sake of the community.

Have a good weekend

Stay Safe

Kind Regards

Miss T Peters & Miss C McGuinness

