



Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School
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5th January 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Can I take this opportunity to welcome everyone back and wish you and your families a Very Happy and Healthy New Year. To keep our school community safe can I ask for your support in reading the following information.



IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE

If pupils test positive, or have symptoms, they should follow the health advice on testing and not come into school until cleared to do so.

Anyone who develops symptoms should isolate immediately and book a PCR test even if the lateral flow test is negative.

People in Northern Ireland who get a positive lateral flow test no longer need a PCR test to confirm that result.

The NI Executive has also announced a change to the rules on self-isolation for positive cases, reducing the period from 10 days to seven, providing the individual has negative LFD results on both days 6 and 7 with tests taken 24 hours apart.

If your child is absent due to COVID please contact the school, they can then be marked correctly on the register.

If any child is isolating due to a COVID related reason school work is available from the school.

If you need any further advice or information please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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School Business and Routines

School Drop Off/ Pick up

It is important that you arrive to school at the correct allocated time for drop off and collection. This is to minimise the number of pupils and adults congregating at any one time.

Clubs

Due to the current situation, we have had to review our After School Clubs. Please see revised arrangements.

Day/ Time	Club	Led by
Tuesday 2.30-3.15	Senior Homework Club	Mrs O'Kane
Wednesday 1.45-2.30	Junior Football	Miss McFarland
Wednesday 2.30-3.15	Senior Drama Club	Miss Donnelly
Thursday 2.30-3.15	Senior Football Club	Miss McFarland

School Bags and Lunch Boxes

We ask our P1-P3 Children to use our School Book Bags.

P4 to P7 are free to use their own school bags. Lunch boxes can be used by everyone as normal.

Access to the School Building

Parents and carers must not enter the school building including mobile classrooms. Teachers and other staff in school will be unavailable during drop off, during teaching time or at collection unless you have a prior appointment made through the Office. We ask parents **NOT** to congregate at the school gates. **We URGENTLY ask Parents for their co-operation in wearing Masks when dropping off or picking up their children.**

Other Important Notices

As I am sure you are aware COVID continues to remain highly contagious even to those people who have the double vaccination and booster. In school we will continue to keep our School Community safe in the following ways:

- ✓ Use of Class and Year Group Bubbles
- ✓ Staggered Lunch and Playtimes
- ✓ Social Distancing of at least two metres among Adults
- ✓ Adults wearing of Face Masks
- ✓ Continued increased Hand Sanitising
- ✓ Use of CO 2 Monitors in classrooms
- ✓ Regular Staff Lateral Flow Testing

Can I once again ask you for your patience and co-operation in keeping our school community safe by following our school Policies and Procedures.

Yours Sincerely

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