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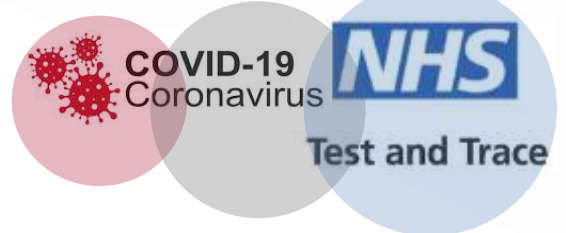


★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week our Citizen award goes to **Preston** in **Y3** who can tell you how to look after yourselves in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Preston understands how to look after himself physically, but also emotionally too. He knows that it is very important to speak out if he ever feels worried. He knows that he should also 'Tell! Tell! Tell!' if he notices that someone else has a 'worry ball' too. In our school we are proud of children, like Preston, who are thoughtful and who care about others. Congratulations Preston, we are very proud of you!

COVID-19 Update

From 00:01 GMT on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 Sheffield will be under covid-19 restrictions in the **tier three** (very high alert) category for England. A national lockdown is currently in force for all of England.



Tier 3: Meeting Friends and Family after National Lockdown 2

- from 2nd December you will *no longer* be required to stay at home whenever possible
- you *must not* mix - indoors or in a private garden or at most outdoor venues - with anybody you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble
- you can socialise in groups of up to six people in some outdoor public spaces
 - e.g. parks, beaches and public gardens
- support bubbles can be formed between one household and another which contains only one adult
 - with some exceptions
- you can also form a support bubble with another household if you:
 - have a child under one; or
 - a child under five with a disability that needs continuous care

Meeting Friends and Family Currently (National Lockdown 2 rules apply until Wednesday 2nd December)

- you should stay at home except for specific reasons including education, work (if it cannot be done from home), exercise, medical needs, food and other essential shopping and to provide care
- you can meet one other person at a time from another household, in an outdoors public place
 - e.g. a park, a street, countryside, an allotment or a children's playground)
- children under five and disabled people needing round-the-clock care, are *not* counted towards the limit on two people meeting outside
- children can continue to move between homes if their parents are separated
- support groups of 15 people or fewer are allowed in certain circumstances
 - e.g. for new parents or for the purpose of addiction recovery

Tier 3: Going to work after National Lockdown 2

- you should work at home if at all possible
- if you have to return to your workplace, your employer *must* make arrangements for you to work safely
- advice does not change after 2 December and the end of the national lockdown

Tier 3: Schools and Nurseries after National Lockdown 2

- primary and secondary schools are open, as are nurseries and childcare
 - local health protection teams will advise if a school has coronavirus cases
- pupils/staff in secondary schools (Y7+) *must* wear face masks in communal areas outside classrooms
- universities remain open but students are asked to return home for the holidays in a travel window between 3rd and 9th December 2020 and complete the term online from there



Tier 3: **Leisure Time after National Lockdown 2**

- though the national lockdown 2 ends on 2nd December, several rules will remain in force in your area:
 - pubs, restaurants, bars and cafes for takeaway only (closed otherwise)
 - drive-through and delivery services
 - entertainment venues will remain closed, including theatres, cinemas, museums and galleries
 - organised activities for elite athletes, the under-18s and disabled people will continue
 - spectators will not be allowed at sports events and live performances
 - leisure facilities such as gyms and swimming pools can reopen but:
 - groups exercise classes cannot be held there; and
 - saunas and steam rooms must stay closed
 - exercise classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but:
 - 'higher-risk' contact activity should be avoided
 - hotels, hostels, guest houses and campsites will remain closed except in certain circumstances:
 - where they are someone's main residence
 - where it is essential to stay there for work purposes
 - there is no time limit for exercise outdoors or sitting on a park bench or eating/drinking outside

Tier 3: **Shopping after National Lockdown 2**

- from 2nd December all retail outlets can reopen

Shopping Currently (National Lockdown 2 rules apply until Wednesday 2nd December)

- all non-essential shops are closed, including:
 - clothing and homeware stores
 - vehicle showrooms
 - betting shops
 - market stalls selling non-essential goods
- 'click-and-collect' services are allowed
- Shops selling essential are open, including:
 - food shops/supermarkets/off-licences
 - pharmacies
 - cycle shops
 - hardware stores/garden centres
 - banks/post offices
 - pet shops

Tier 3: **Other Aspects after National Lockdown 2**

- from 2nd December, places of worship will be open for communal services, but:
 - people should not mix with anyone from outside their household or support bubble
- weddings/civil partnerships can resume with up to 15 guests, but:
 - wedding receptions are still not allowed
- do *not* outside your area if possible

Other Aspects Currently (National Lockdown 2 rules apply until Wednesday 2nd December)

- you are allowed to stay overnight away from your home with someone who is in your support bubble or childcare bubble
- you are *not* allowed to stay overnight away from your home in other circumstances, for example:
 - on holiday
 - in a second home or caravan
 - with anyone outside your household or support bubbles
- you can move home, but:
 - people outside your household/support bubbles cannot help unless absolutely necessary
- you can leave home:
 - to visit someone who is giving birth or dying/to visit someone in a hospice or hospital
 - to avoid or escape risk of injury or harm (such as domestic abuse)
 - to go with someone to a medical appointment, or
 - to go to the vets or other animal welfare services



- it is possible to visit friends and family in care homes as long as Covid-secure measures are in place
- weddings/civil partnership ceremonies *cannot* take place except where one of the parties is seriously ill and not expected to recover
 - limited to six people
- funerals can be attended by a maximum of 30 people
 - linked ceremonial events can continue with up to 15 people
- apart from funerals, places of worship will only be open to allow individual prayer or services to be broadcast to the congregation

Class Bubble Closures

Unfortunately we have had to close three class bubbles so that pupils and some staff can isolate in line with public health regulations designed to keep us all safe by limiting the spread of the coronavirus. The Public Health team in Sheffield advised us that:

- isolation ends for **Y1** and **Y4** at midnight on **Thursday 3rd December 2020** (meaning that pupils will return to school on Friday 4th December 2020)
- isolation ends for **Y5** at midnight on **Friday 4th December 2020** (meaning that pupils will be able to leave their house over the weekend and return to school Monday 7th December 2020)

Home Learning & Support

Work is prepared by teachers so that it aligns with what children would be learning in school if there had been no bubble closure. We use the 'Oak Academy' and other appropriate online resources which are provided, regulated and updated by the Department for Education. Teachers are also on hand, during normal school hours, to support isolating children with any issues they encounter via the chat facility on Microsoft Teams.

Staff are in contact with all vulnerable children who are isolating, including those with established special education needs and disabilities, and their parents/carers, throughout each day. Where children struggle to access age-appropriate work, special tasks are being set. Where children have recently developed, or have pre-existing issues around wellbeing/anxiety, we are making sure that we are available for them too, each day.

We are offering some whole class online teaching e.g. for music and French, but it is more challenging for other subjects because of children's different circumstances and abilities. Though there might be some pre-recorded or live demonstrations, colleagues, in our school and others, have found that it tends to be better for pupils to work independently through tasks, at their own pace, whilst having the option at any point to access one-to-one support from their teacher via the chat function or in some cases the face-to-face function on Microsoft Teams. Home learning tasks are being set in line with advice and with what teachers feel is reasonable for children to do. Activities are not to be rushed, but rather to be worked through carefully, so that learning is consolidated as fully as possible. Teachers have an overview of what is and is not being done and are working hard to get the balance right. Your feedback should be shared via the class email address.

We are continuing to provide laptops to isolating children who do not have enough kit at home so that no one is disadvantaged. My firm view is that everything we can do for our children, we *will* and *must* do.

Free School Meals

We have arranged for food hampers to be provided to all children entitled to **income-based** free school meals. You will recall from National Lockdown 1 that the offer is limited to families in receipt of income-based benefits only, and does not extend to families where children in FS2/Y1/Y2 receive free school meals via the government's 'Universal Free School Meals' scheme. We will ensure that all children receive food for ten days, if entitled. If their parents/carers are unable to collect their hampers, I or one of my team will deliver it.



Wellbeing and Support whilst Isolating

Anyone struggling, whilst isolating, is encouraged to contact us. We will do all we can to support you and to engage services, where appropriate, to ensure that you and your child(ren) get the help you need.

If your circumstances change, e.g. job losses, relationship breakdown etc. please contact us so that we can support you in applying for free school meals quickly. In the short-term, where thresholds are met, we can help you access food banks as well as signposting you to the right places so that you receive the assistance you need and are entitled to. If you just need to talk to us, please get in touch (01142485009).

Term 2 Smiley Scores

<p>St Andrew's House</p>  <p>460</p>	<p>St David's House</p>  <p>489</p>	<p>St Patrick's House</p>  <p>511</p>	<p>St George's House</p>  <p>490</p>
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Blue Day (The Feast of St Andrew)

To mark the feast of St Andrew all the children in St Andrew's House are invited to come to school dressed in blue on **Monday 30th November 2020**. The children in other three Houses must wear full school uniform as usual.

Consultation: Relationships and Sex Education

Last week I shared news about our new Relationship Education programme: 'Life to the Full' that we will be introducing from the beginning of Term 3 (January 2021).

Relationships Education is now statutory in all primary schools meaning that the compulsory elements will have to be taught to all pupils in all schools.

The 'Life to the Full' programme that we have chosen was created specifically for Catholic primary schools and is being adopted by many other Catholic primary schools across the country. The programme is based on 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' created by the Catholic Education Service and has been highlighted as a work of good practice by the Department for Education.

Last week we have invited you to review the programme and this week are inviting you to offer feedback. Before you do, please ensure that you have read and understood all the information in the 'Parent Consultation Tool' regarding the content of the 'Life to the Full' programme. Details of how to access our survey have already been emailed to all parents and carers. Thank you.



OFSTED Visit

As you know our school was subject to a monitoring visit undertaken by two members of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools (HMIs) on behalf of OFSTED. The purpose of the visit was to discuss our actions primarily since September 2020, but also referencing a number of things we did leading up to (and during) the first national lockdown.

The visit was carried out remotely following changes to government guidance and the imposition of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. It was not an inspection and so I did not receive graded judgements. Neither did the HMIs undertake the usual range of inspection activities. Their visit formed part of OFSTED's investigations into



how England's education system is managing the return to full education for pupils, following the extended break in formal schooling due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In undertaking this work HMIs are 'visiting' approximately 1200 schools of all types, in all areas and across all OFSTED grades (outstanding, good, requires improvement and inadequate). The information from the visits will feed into OFSTED's national reporting so that insights can be shared with the government and the education sector.

Though these types of visit are always intense and take up a lot of time, I am pleased that we were able to contribute our perspective to this important national conversation. As soon as the official letter is published, which will be after a thorough checking exercise, I will share it.

Forthcoming Events

Click [here](#) to link to our online calendar. Below is a summary of forthcoming events.

30-11-20	• Blue Day (Feast of St Andrew) – members can dress in blue, everyone else in school uniform
01-12-20	• SEND reviews with Mrs Hadfield • PTFA Monthly Meeting (PTFA@st-johnfisher.org)
02-12-20	• Y2 liturgy (filming)
03-12-20	• Y2 liturgy – film available to watch • Y1 and Y4 pupils finish isolation at <u>midnight</u> tonight
04-12-20	• Y1 and Y4 pupils return after isolation • Y5 pupils finish isolation at <u>midnight</u> tonight • PTFA Santa in School - dress down day (Christmas jumpers or party clothes)
05-12-20	• Y5 pupils are out of isolation from today
07-12-20	• Y5 pupils return after isolation • Pupil reviews with Mrs Hadfield for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities • FS2 PE uniform all day • Y5 Dress down day (Christmas jumpers or party clothes – Santa is making an extra visit)
08-12-20	• Pupil reviews with Mrs Hadfield for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities • Y1 & Y2 PE uniform all day
09-12-20	• Pupil reviews with Mrs Hadfield for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities • Y3 – filming the weekly Liturgy of the Word • Y3 & Y4 PE uniform all day
10-12-20	• Y3 Liturgy of the Word available to watch here • Y5 & Y6 PE uniform all day
11-12-20	• Celebration Assembly • Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy film available via the website (delayed due to Y4 closure)
16-12-20	• Christmas dinner day (provisional date)

Week 12 Attendance to be confirmed		
1 st	Y2	100%
2 nd	Y3	99.2%
3 rd	Y6	98.3%
4 th	FS2	86.3%
5 th	Learning at home Y5 (2.5 days)	92.9%
6 th	Learning at home Y1 (5 days)	
7 th	Learning at home Y4 (5 days)	
Average Attendance = 95.5% (Target = 98%)		



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	FS2	90%
2 nd	Y3	89%
3 rd	Y2	85%
4 th	Y6	81%
5 th	Y1	
6 th	Y4	
7 th	Y5	
Average (4 classes) = 86%		





SJF School Council Update

Here is a message from one of student Councillors:

This week the Y6 SJF School Councillors met for a lesson on democracy and the workings of parliament.

“Today we learnt about what democracy is. It is a Greek word and it started in Ancient Greece. Democracy is important because it means that everyone gets a say in how our country is run.”

Mia, Y6 School Councillor

Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge



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Next week's sixty second challenge is all about 'star jumps'. You can watch a video to see a demonstration by one of our awesome Sports Majors by clicking [here](#).

Well done everyone who took part in last week's challenge!



Our Catholic Life

Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses, Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/>.

December Prayer

During Advent we prepare for Christmas by saying sorry for our mistakes and by trying hard to make those key changes in our lives that we need to make. Our prayer is the Act of Contrition.

O my God

Because you are so good –

I am very sorry that I have sinned against You,

And by the help of Your grace –

I will not sin again.



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y2**. It will be recorded on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 and the film will be available to watch on **Thursday 3rd December 2020**.

Advent & Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily Advent class reflections will run from **Monday 30th November 2020** until **Friday 18th December 2020** apart from 04-12-20, PE days or on days when classes have Music or French at the end of the day. The important season of Advent is about getting ready, spiritually, for the birth of Jesus. Unfortunately this year we will not be able to welcome family members to the liturgies, but pictures will be shared on class pages.



This year's wreaths can be seen on display. Each was blessed by Fr Bede in readiness for Advent. The delayed Advent Wreath Liturgy, led by the children of Y4 will be recorded after they return and the film will be available to from 11th December.

Isolating Children

Mrs Barrett and the Chaplaincy Team will record daily Advent liturgies and make them available via the website so that children isolating at home can feel part of our journey.

Achievements outside of School

Please send details of any of your children's achievements out of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and they will be included in the newsletter. Thank you.

Writing Champions

FS2

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Awards will be saved up until after Isolation and all will published in the newsletter on Friday 11th December

Golden Children

- FS2** **Edwin** for being a fantastic listener; a fantastic learner; and for always smiling!
- Y1** **James** for trying so hard to engage with his home-learning! He is being a great example to everyone!
- Y2** **Dominic** for having a great attitude this week. He has set a brilliant example this week for the whole class by listening and being ready to learn all the time. What a superstar!
- Y3** **Bella-Rae** for working hard and trying her very best and for trying really hard to be independent in her learning!
- Y4** **Alexia** for having a great go in PE lessons and for completing all seven of our Sixty-Second challenges!
Owen for completing all the home-learning tasks and for using Teams to develop his learning further!
- Y5** **Marika** for asking questions great about her home-learning tasks; for working really hard to complete her tasks at home; and for really trying hard to take more responsibility for her own learning!
- Y6** **Harley** for always being positive and for encouraging other members of the class! Harley comes into school every day with a smile on his face!

Curriculum Showcase

Unfortunately we can hold a showcase as we would normally at the end of term, so we will be putting it online instead. Slideshows of children's work will be available to view from Monday 21st December 2020.

Statement to Live By

Our statement next week will be 'I think before I make choices that affect my health.'

Time to talk: Together you could think about what it means to be healthy. What sorts of things help us to be healthy? What sorts of things will make us unhealthy? How can making healthy choices help us to be happy?

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."
~ Mahatma Gandhi

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN.

"MAY YOUR CHOICES REFLECT YOUR HOPES, NOT YOUR FEARS"
- Nelson Mandela

A final thought...
"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another"
G K Chesterton

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

