

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



3rd September 2021

Mrs Charnley's Message: Welcome back! What a lovely start to the new school year! The children have arrived back full of enthusiasm and are clearly ready for their new learning challenges. There is a real feel of school running familiarly, which is so lovely as Saint Clare's celebrates fifty years.

This year we will be making sure we 'let our light shine'. It is the simple things that we can do to support each other. A reassuring smile makes sure we all feel happy as we take risks in our learning. We are really looking forward to a new journey and a new year as we continue to work together to make Saint Clare's a special place in which to learn.

We know that it is important for children to settle into school life. We also know the importance of good communication between home and school. With this in mind, we have arranged our termly 'Meet the Teacher' zoom sessions. This meeting is for parents and is important because it provides an insight into class life and routines. You will meet the staff who will be working with your children this year and there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have. I hope you can join the staff and me, the times for these are below and the codes will be sent out next week.

Please read the information we sent out about Covid so we can work together to keep Saint Clare's safe and should things change then we will keep you informed using the app. Let us pray that we do not need to and the children have an exciting year in school through to July.

Little Saplings has opened and it is delightful to see our preschool children enjoying the wonderful setting Mrs Ronson and Miss McCann have created. I am excited to see them grow as part of our school family.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.

First Holy
Communion
Preparation



This is such a special time for the children of Year 3 and Year 4 who wish to prepare to receive for the sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

This year it is being offered to both year groups as a result of Covid. They will remain as year group throughout the programme. Forms will be available from Church the weekend of 11th September and must be returned to Fr Andrew by the 1st of October.

Diary Dates



Dinner Money - Please could dinner money payments be made at least a week in advance via parent pay. Many Thanks

Class Zoom Meetings - Class zoom meetings will be held on Thursday 9th September at the following times;

3:30pm - Rowan

3:50pm—Willow

4:10pm - Hazel

4:30pm - Beech

4:50pm - Elder

5:10pm - Pine

5:30pm - Cherry

6:00pm - Oak

The link to the meetings will be sent out via Parentapp.

Uniform: Please take the time to check you have the right uniform. If you use the link below it will take you to the website page with the full list.

Remember children in Pine, Elder, Cherry and Oak are Key Stage 2 classes and should be in a shirt and tie.

<https://www.st-clares.lancs.sch.uk/uniform/>



Our Preschool is open and accepting the vouchers for 15hours and 30 hours. Please contact the Mrs Wiggins in the office if you need any information and spread the word to everyone you know who may need a place for their 3 year old.

What a lovely start with the children really having lots of fun. They have already been very busy picking blackberries and making blackberry and apple crumble—my favourite. I have seen you being busy and smiling all day.

Mrs Ronson would like some pallets if anyone has some to spare...just contact the office to make arrangements.

Covid-19 testing information for education settings: for parents

What tests are available: There are two main types of test to check if you have coronavirus:

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests are for people with symptoms and must be run through a laboratory to get a result.

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests – which are commonly referred to as rapid tests – are for people without symptoms and can yield results within 30 minutes of taking one.

The type of Covid-19 test you should take depends on whether you have any symptoms.

Testing for people without symptoms: People who do not have any symptoms can test themselves for coronavirus with rapid tests. Free rapid testing is available to everyone in England, with people encouraged to test themselves twice a week.

How to get a rapid test The main port of call for accessing rapid testing will usually be through your school or college.

However, there are a number of other ways you can access rapid testing: Order home testing kits online, Many business offer workplace testing programmes, on-site or at home, You can collect a box of 7 rapid tests to use twice a week at home at participating pharmacies. Find your nearest site.

What to do if you test positive using a rapid test

If you or your child's rapid test result is positive, you and your close contacts will need to self-isolate immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test via the NHS as soon as possible. You will need to communicate this with your child's school.

Testing for people with symptoms If you or your child have one or more of the following Covid-19 symptoms you must isolate immediately and book a PCR test via the NHS: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

What to do if you don't have any classic Covid-19 symptoms If you or your child have other new or unusual symptoms or if in doubt, you can still get a PCR test. However, you do not need to immediately self-isolate for 10 days.

How to get a PCR test If you or your child has any of the three classic symptoms, you can get a PCR test here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>. If you or your child do not have any of the three classic symptoms, proceed through the questions and then tick the box that says: "My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms". What to do if the PCR test is positive

If the result is positive, you and your close contacts must self-isolate immediately for 10 days from the day you took the test.

What to do if the PCR test is negative If the result is negative, you do not need to isolate.

Outbreaks in education settings

In the event of an outbreak of Covid-19 at a school, your child may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days if they have come into close contact with a positive case. The Infection Prevention and Control Team have produced a short video for schools with information about hand hygiene ready for the WHO Hand Hygiene day on 5th May 2021. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFV0xjKHrp4>