



The Messenger



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'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust the Christmas break was kind and peaceful to you all.

Challenges of Covid hit us on the first day back and have continued throughout these first few weeks. Guidance changed several times in that first week as we all tried to get to grips with changes in isolation procedures and communicating these quickly as we were being informed of more infections. As it stands, one class have several infections higher than others and we have 'bubbled' them for 5 days to try and restrict the possible spread to other classes and staff. All this is happening as national restrictions are being removed, but please note infections in Cheshire East are still high, against the national figures where they are decreasing, but the 4 -11 age group is still increasing in CE. Whilst the restrictions within the national guidance are being removed, which is good news... we still must manage the infection rate to keep the school functioning as effectively as we can. We have been affected by staff absence already so it is vital we do all we can to prevent risk. In summary, the advice we are following from CE...

1. Test regularly. If positive, you must isolate for at least 5 days dependent on negative results on day 5 and 6. If one remains positive, you must isolate until you have 2 consecutive negative results 24hrs apart. You may still have to isolate for 10 days.
2. If you have symptoms, get a PCR test. Book online [Get tested for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)
3. If someone in your household tests positive, the 5-day isolation for pupils still stands until further notice and they must test daily for 5 days after that. Tests can be booked online. [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

It is clear the aim is to manage the infection and live with it, like any other infection. We must still take care of ourselves and each other. Please, keep safe.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

These take place on Tuesday 25th next week. These are for individual and family groups. Best uniform please! 😊

Forthcoming Dates for diary

2022	
Tuesday 25 Jan	School photographs (individual)
Thursday 27 January	School Improvement Governors Committee Meeting
Week 31 Jan-4 Feb	Y6 visit Stanley Head
Friday 4 February	Curriculum Skills Day
Tuesday 8 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10 th February	Parent Consultations
Monday 14 th February	Parent Consultations
Friday 18 February	School closes for half-term
Monday 28 th February	School opens
Tuesday 1 March	School Book Fair (provisionally)
Wednesday 2 March	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
Wednesday 9 March	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 1 April	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 19 April	School opens
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 9 May	SATS Week (Y6)
Friday 27 May	School closes
Monday 6 June	School opens

Holy Communion 2022.

Detail will be sent next week once dates can be confirmed. A letter will go today seeking confirmation of your child's intent to prepare for this very special sacrament. A provisional date of 14 May 2022 has been penciled, in for the Holy Mass. This is to be confirmed.

Congratulations to our Y5 Netball Team who competed last night against other primary schools. I am so very proud of you all who stepped up for St Gabriel's. Excellent!

BAG2SCHOOL

BAG2SCHOOL raised £108 for school yesterday. A huge THANK YOU to everyone that brought in items. Greatly appreciated!