

# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding yesterday evening. Shortly after we wrote to you to inform you that we had a positive case of Covid-19 in Year 1 we received notification that we had a second positive case in Year 2. As you will understand, we have no control over when test results are issued and when they are we have a duty to inform you straight away to prevent further spread of the Covid-19 virus. We cannot rule out this happening again in the future.

Earlier in January you will have received a text with a link to a very important letter from Wigan Council in which they urged parents to keep children at home wherever possible and appealed to Key Worker parents who can work from home to keep their children with them. The letter also explained that *'We would ask that if you can, as the guidance says keep your child at home then please do so. Schools are under increasing pressure to manage the number of children and young people in school due to staff not being able to attend school due to COVID issues. Schools may therefore as a last resort have to consider prioritising places for vulnerable children, health workers and school staff.'*

As the pressure on our frontline health and emergency services increases we are receiving increasing applications for Key Worker places. However, the majority of our classes are full and to admit more children would compromise our social distancing and Covid-19 safety measures. Now that we have more than one positive case in school these safety and control measures are even more important than ever. Therefore, I am appealing to all our Key Worker families to only send your children to school if neither parents or carers can work from home and then only on the days that you have to attend your workplace.

If you are now in a position to keep your children at home with you, or you only need a place on certain days, please would you email the school, as a matter of urgency, at [enquiries@admin.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@admin.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk) to either cancel your place or confirm the set days that you require (if you have a rolling shift pattern please would you provide this as far in advance as you can). This will allow us to offer places to parents on the frontline fight against Covid-19.

Yet again, I would like to thank you for your continued support and the many messages of encouragement and support you have sent in to school. Your understanding and commitment to following the guidance has been essential in keeping St Luke's as safe as we possibly can in these difficult circumstance.

With best regards to you and your families,

S Hardaker

Mr S Hardaker  
Headteacher



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