

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the first half term, I thought this would be a good time to reflect on the re-opening of school and provide you with some important news. Firstly, I cannot thank you enough for your continued support and patience over the last few weeks. The arrangements put in place are to keep everyone as safe as possible. I appreciate that these measures can be frustrating for everyone but I am grateful for the way in which you and the school community have embraced them with due care and respect. With only one confirmed case so far within school, it is clear that the controlled measures have helped to reduce the risk of having to make multiple closures of the school. Inevitably, I cannot promise closures will not happen, but the work and effort everyone is putting in will help to prevent this.

As you are aware, the school will close for October half term today, however if your child is currently waiting to take a test or to receive the results of a test, I would be very grateful if you could continue to follow the process of **informing the school if there is a positive result**. Please contact us at enquiries@admin.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk as well as sending a DOJO message to their class teacher.

By continuing to let us know if your child tests positive, we can notify and advise you and any close contacts with regards to the length of isolation and the date that your child/close contacts can return to school, to safely ensure that risk of transmission is reduced.

Should your child receive a positive result you should inform us as outlined above and follow the [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). It is very important that you and your child follow the above guidance should your child test positive and isolate for the required period, to help reduce the spread of infection. This includes not attending any playschemes, youth provision, leisure centres or sports activities etc which may have been planned for the school holidays.

Yesterday you will have received a report, via Class DOJO, on your child's attainment and progress. Many of you will have been informed that your child is working towards the current year group standards. This is mainly due to year groups missing a term and a half of learning during the 2019/20 school year. This means that many pupils are still accessing work from the previous year group. However, we are really pleased with the progress and resilience of all our pupils since the re-start. They have fully engaged in the recovery and catch-up activities planned by staff. Should you require any further information about your child's development please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

Please can I urge anyone who hasn't completed the Parents and Carers Distance Learning Agreement and the GDPR Images and Photos Forms to do so. Once these have been received, we will be in a stronger position to initiate the home learning through Microsoft Teams if we are forced to close a class or the whole school.

Finally some good news to share with you! The school was recognised by the Government and the Department for Education as one of three schools out of two hundred and seventy six schools eligible to apply to become a Teaching Hub for the identified area of Wigan, Warrington and Halton. This is the result of high performance across all key stages over the last three years. However, we have taken the decision not to proceed with this as we felt that it would not be in the best interests of the children at St Luke's at this particular time. We feel it is of utmost importance to focus all our attention on our children and their reintegration into school life.

Finally, I want to wish you all a happy half term. Even with the newly implemented Tier 3 Covid-19 measures in place, it is an opportunity for us all to reflect and spend some quality time with our families.

Keep safe everyone. I will see you all back in school on Monday 2 November 2020.

Yours sincerely,

S Hardaker

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Headteacher



