



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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'Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be'



Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of this extraordinary half term, I would like to congratulate every member of our school community for showing resilience and patience. Remote learning has certainly been a different way of learning. Each week I recognise the efforts put in from yourselves as parents and the efforts from our fabulous school staff. This week I would like to congratulate our superheroes, the children. What a lot they have had to contend with and what an amazing job they have done! I am sure you are as proud of them as we are.

You will know after many months of hearing about Covid-19 that the three main symptoms of COVID-19 are a **high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of smell or taste**. If you experience any of these symptoms you should **self-isolate and get tested**.

However, it has become apparent that this virus can present in all kinds of ways and there is now a **wider set of symptoms** which **some** people have also been testing positive with.

They include:

- Diarrhoea
- A persistent headache
- Fever and chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

Many of these symptoms could be caused by other "usual" viruses but at this time Wirral's Director of Public Health is urging residents, adults or children, to get a Covid-19 test if they are showing any of the wider symptoms of the virus. **You must arrange to get a test at one of Wirral's symptoms-only testing sites**. You can book a symptoms-only test at a mobile testing centres via www.wirral.gov.uk/test

Over the half term holiday our Covid-19 email address will be activated. Please email covid@stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk to inform us if your child receives a positive test, up to and including Thursday 18th February. Thank you to everyone for the care you are taking to protect our school community.

School will be open to Key Worker/Vulnerable children on **Tuesday 23rd February**. We will keep you informed of any further developments regarding the full openings of schools, as and when we receive the information.

Take the time over half term, to switch off and enjoy some good quality family time. Please let our superheroes know that we miss them very much and are looking forward to the day when we can all be back together again. We are crossing our fingers that this will be sooner rather than later.

Take care, God bless.

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