



St. John's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

**** IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION UPDATE****

You may be aware that the COVID infection rate in Rochdale is:

- The highest in the whole of Greater Manchester
- Higher than the average for the whole of the country

...and it is still rising.

In order to prevent a further spike in infections and possible school closures, we are asking parents and carers to do one of the following:

- If someone in your household tests positive for COVID, keep your children at home for the isolation period – we can ensure that work is provided remotely so that your children do not miss out on their education

...OR...

- If you are unable to keep your children at home for the isolation period, please take them for a PCR test and share the result with us.

Please see our COVID Flowchart for more guidance:

https://www.stjohnsrc.rochdale.sch.uk/serve_file/3837341

This will help us to limit the spread of the virus in school, especially where children are not showing symptoms but are infecting others. None of us would want a repeat of last Christmas, when the schools closed from January to March

Please also remember – if your child is ill with sickness or diarrhoea, you must keep them off school until **48 hours** after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Yours sincerely

Michael Unsworth
Headteacher