



SHARING THE NEWS from

St. Paul's Church of England Primary School

November 2020

'Building each other up – with God as our firm foundation'



'LIGHT of HOPE' WORSHIP

All Saints Day : 1st November



Autumn Days



COVID-19 UPDATE

Thank you for your continuing support as we negotiate our way through the challenges of this pandemic as safely, purposefully and calmly as possible.

We have recently entered a second national lockdown period and sadly experienced our first two positive test results in school. I have spoken directly to nearly every family whose child has been asked to isolate as a result of these cases and appreciate the level of understanding and co-operation that was expressed. We are one of the last schools in the city to have a positive case. I am thankful to you for maintaining the requests that are made in line with our Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

There is a very clear protocol for all schools when there is a positive case. Every step of the way, we have followed advice given by Public Health England to identify people who may have been in close contact with those who have tested positively. Those children and staff who have been asked to isolate have received letters explaining the situation. This includes all of our Year 4 class and just over half of Year 6. Obviously we cannot disclose who has tested positively. Please be assured that guidance has been followed fully in terms of who has to isolate.

If you have not received a letter explaining that your child should isolate, then your child is expected to attend school. This is clear in the standard Public Health letter which is supported by national and local guidance. Such absence is unauthorised. If you decide to keep your child at home, they will not be accessing quality first education. We also have no idea how long the period of someone in our

school testing positively will continue for. As you can appreciate, class teachers cannot be expected to provide remote learning for individual pupils who should be in school, as well as teaching the children in that class.

We do appreciate your concern as parents but encourage you to send your child to school unless they have been asked to isolate. We need to work as a community in trust and understanding valuing the commitment and endeavours of our remarkable staff.

NATIONAL COVID-19 LOCKDOWN REMINDERS

We kindly request that you:

- **Wait with your child in a socially distanced queue when you bring your child to school.** We shall endeavour to bring the children in as quickly and safely as possible – especially as the weather gets colder and wetter.
- **Respect a 2m social distance from other parents, children and staff.**
- **Only enter the school reception (only one adult at a time) if absolutely necessary. Masks must be worn.** All monies/ letter etc can be brought by the children.
- **Come straight to school and go straight home.** We advise that you do not allow children to use the play area on Pendeford Square.

REMOTE LEARNING

- Please return the Computer Questionnaire that came home in the Report Pack on 4th November. We need to know what access our children have to appropriate devices for remote learning.
- We are providing a 'blended' home learning approach as advised by Wolverhampton City Education Team. This is a blend of workbook/ paper/ project learning and digital learning. We shall soon be informing you of enhanced digital provision.
- We are in the process of trying to access some devices from the DfE but, as you may realise from the news, this provision is unlikely to meet our requirements. We can hope !

GOOD NEWS:

- We are delighted to hear that the **Revd Dave Wills** has been appointed as the new team vicar in our parish. We are looking forward to welcoming him in the new year and believe that he will be committed to enriching the life of our church, school and community.
- **Liz Devers** has been appointed as the new Parent Governor. We are grateful for her willingness to take up this responsibility on the Governing Body of our school.

Please visit our website regularly for dates and information:

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