

Dear Parents and Carers,

Illness and Public Health Advice

I have included clear guidance on illness, infection and public health guidance to schools. It is our policy in school to follow this guidance. As a parent, I understand how difficult it can be when balancing this, particularly when we are working. This guidance is not about individual children and when they may or may not be well enough for school. However, this guidance is given to us as the best way of avoiding outbreaks of illness amongst other children or staff, which can lead to much greater disruption. We are not trying to be awkward or not acknowledging that a child may be feeling well enough to come to school. Please can I ask that we follow this advice and not put staff in the awkward position of having to make calls on this that they shouldn't have to make. The guidance can be found on the next page.

Harvest collection for Stretford Foodbank

Our GIFT team are collecting goods for Stretford Foodbank with the last day for bringing to school being Monday 21st October. If you can spare any non-perishable foods, please bring in on Monday.

School Improvement Plan

You may remember that I mentioned previously that we are at the beginning of a new cycle of school improvement and development for our school and I have taken input from staff and governors to help us with our priorities. I will be getting children's input too. However, I would like some input from you as parents/carers too on what your priorities for your children are. This is not the annual parent view that we share (the last one of these was for Ofsted inspection in March 2024) but an opportunity for you to contribute to our school improvement plan. Please click on the link below to take part:

<https://s.surveypal.com/hgpe7ts8>

Faith Life of the School

You will have seen that staff and governors have identified the Faith Life of the School as a priority and we have already been doing lots to build on the work that has been evident throughout our school. Miss Keville has been doing a lot of work in preparing our GIFT team in leading collective worship throughout the school, as well as initiatives as providing every child with rosary beads to help pray during October, the month of the Rosary. They have also been busy organising our collection of food for Stretford Foodbank. We are fortunate to have such positive role models in our school.

SEND Coffee Morning

We will be holding our first SEND coffee morning this year on Tuesday 12th November at 9.10am. If you are a parent of a child with additional needs or just wish to come along and have a chat with other parents and Mrs Agnew, our SENDCO, then please do just come along for a chat and a drink. This will be a general chat about SEND issues and not specific queries about individual children.

Half-term

Please remember that we finish our first half-term next Friday 25th October at 3.30pm and return on Monday 4th November.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Doherty



Rashes and skin infections	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders	Comments
Athlete's foot	None	Athlete's foot is not a serious condition. Treatment is recommended
Chickenpox*	Until all vesicles have crusted over	See: Vulnerable children and female staff – pregnancy
Cold sores, (Herpes simplex)	None	Avoid kissing and contact with the sores. Cold sores are generally mild and self-limiting
German measles (rubella)*	Four days from onset of rash (as per "Green Book")	Preventable by immunisation (MMR x 2 doses). See: Female staff – pregnancy
Hand, foot and mouth	None	Contact the Duty Room if a large number of children are affected. Exclusion may be considered in some circumstances
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment speeds healing and reduces the infectious period
Measles*	Four days from onset of rash	Preventable by vaccination (MMR x 2). See: Vulnerable children and female staff – pregnancy
Molluscum contagiosum	None	A self-limiting condition
Ringworm	Exclusion not usually required	Treatment is required
Roseola (infantum)	None	None
Scabies	Child can return after first treatment	Household and close contacts require treatment
Scarlet fever*	Child can return 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment	Antibiotic treatment recommended for the affected child. If more than one child has scarlet fever contact PHA Duty Room for further advice
Slapped cheek (fifth disease or parvovirus B19)	None once rash has developed	See: Vulnerable children and female staff – pregnancy
Shingles	Exclude only if rash is weeping and cannot be covered	Can cause chickenpox in those who are not immune i.e. have not had chickenpox. It is spread by very close contact and touch. If further information is required, contact the Duty Room. SEE: Vulnerable Children and Female Staff – Pregnancy
Warts and verrucae	None	Verrucae should be covered in swimming pools, gymnasiums and changing rooms

Diarrhoea and vomiting illness	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders	Comments
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting	
<i>E. coli</i> O157 VTEC*	Should be excluded for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea	Further exclusion is required for young children under five and those who have difficulty in adhering to hygiene practices
Typhoid* [and paratyphoid*] (enteric fever)	Further exclusion may be required for some children until they are no longer excreting	Children in these categories should be excluded until there is evidence of microbiological clearance. This guidance may also apply to some contacts of cases who may require microbiological clearance
Shigella* (dysentery)		Please consult the Duty Room for further advice
Cryptosporidiosis*	Exclude for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea	Exclusion from swimming is advisable for two weeks after the diarrhoea has settled

Other infections	Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders	Comments
Conjunctivitis	None	If an outbreak/cluster occurs, consult the Duty Room
Diphtheria *	Exclusion is essential. Always consult with the Duty Room	Family contacts must be excluded until cleared to return by the Duty Room. Preventable by vaccination. The Duty Room will organise any contact tracing necessary
Glandular fever	None	
Head lice	None	Treatment is recommended only in cases where live lice have been seen
Hepatitis A*	Exclude until seven days after onset of jaundice (or seven days after symptom onset if no jaundice)	The duty room will advise on any vaccination or other control measure that are needed for close contacts of a single case of hepatitis A and for suspected outbreaks.
Hepatitis B*, C, HIV/AIDS	None	Hepatitis B and C and HIV are bloodborne viruses that are not infectious through casual contact. For cleaning of body fluid spills. SEE: Good Hygiene Practice
Meningococcal meningitis*/septicaemia*	Until recovered	Some forms of meningococcal disease are preventable by vaccination (see immunisation schedule). There is no reason to exclude siblings or other close contacts of a case. In case of an outbreak, it may be necessary to provide antibiotics with or without meningococcal vaccination to close contacts. The Duty Room will advise on any action needed.
Meningitis* due to other bacteria	Until recovered	Hib and pneumococcal meningitis are preventable by vaccination. There is no reason to exclude siblings or other close contacts of a case. The Duty Room will give advice on any action needed
Meningitis viral*	None	Milder illness. There is no reason to exclude siblings and other close contacts of a case. Contact tracing is not required
MRSA	None	Good hygiene, in particular handwashing and environmental cleaning, are important to minimise any danger of spread. If further information is required, contact the Duty Room
Mumps*	Exclude child for five days after onset of swelling	Preventable by vaccination (MMR x 2 doses)
Threadworms	None	Treatment is recommended for the child and household contacts
Tonsillitis	None	There are many causes, but most cases are due to viruses and do not need an antibiotic

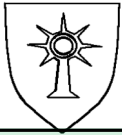


Headteacher's Awards this week...



Well Done everyone. We are proud of you!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Reason for Award</u>
18/10/24	1B	Charlie	For always trying his hardest in everything he does.
	1/2F	Ellie	For excellent reading in our vipers lesson.
	2CS	Alvin	For great instruction writing for how to bake gingerbread men.
	3B	Maisie	For working very hard in her dance lessons.
	3/4C	Sammy	For exemplary <u>behaviour</u> and attitude to learning.
	3/4S	Michael	For always being ready to learn.
	5K	Alice	For being an amazing member of the 5K class
	5/6B	Oliver	For doing great work in RE
	5/6S	Ronan	For brilliant contributions in class



Mindful Midday

Some of our children like to spend some of their lunchtimes doing some quiet activities away from the busy playground during mindful midday. They were joined by Brigid in the ELSA room during one of these sessions this week.



GIFT Teams leading our Collective Worship

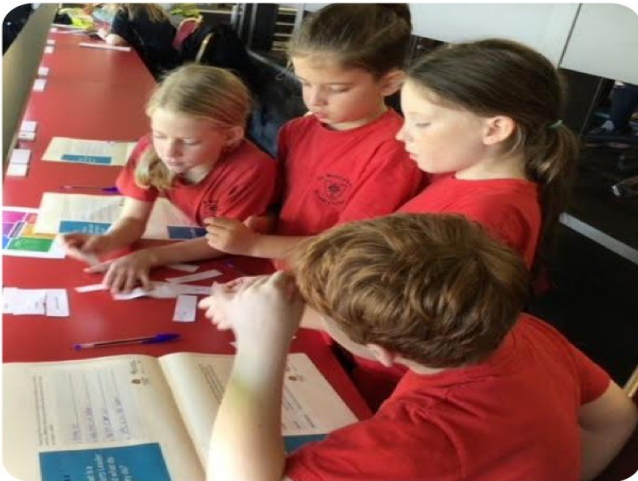
Thank you to the boys and girls on our GIFT team who led the Collective Worship across school this week and also to Miss Keville who has been preparing the children for this important role. Well done boys and girls!





Sports Leaders

Orla, Archie, Arthur and Felicity had a great time at the PE Leadership Academy this week. They learned lots about how to develop as a leader and discussed ways to engage and encourage children to be active. They have been set a number of challenges to complete throughout the year - we look forward to seeing how they positively impact PE at St Monica's.





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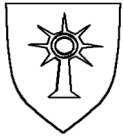
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28TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER

2v2 PROGRAMME

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE



Some dates for your diary (Please keep an eye on these as they will be updated throughout the term)

October Half-term holiday– Children will finish Friday 25th October

Return to school-Monday 4th November.

Wednesday 6th November- Prospective Parents open visit 9.30am-10.30am

Thursday 7th November– Prospective Parents open visit 1.30pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 12th November- Prospective Parents open visit 4.00pm-5.00pm

Monday 18th November and Thursday 21st November– Parents Evenings

Wednesday 4th December– Whole School Advent Mass at 9.30am

W/B 9th December– Bikeability

Tuesday 10th December– Reception Nativity 10am and Nursery Nativity 2pm (both in school)

Wednesday 11th December– KS1 Nativity at 2pm in Church

18th December– Whole school mass at 9.30am

18th December– KS2 (Years 3-6) Carols in Church at 2pm

Friday 20th December-Children finish for Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th Jan 2025-Return to school- . (Please see website for the term dates for the year.)

Friday 14th February 2025– Children finish for half term



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School - 94.92%

Nursery - 95.75%

RL - 96.82%

RP - 96.52%

1B - 84.40%

1/2F - 93.57%

2CS - 94.83%

3B - 97.59%

3/4C - 96.33%

3/4S - 92.33%

5K - 98.52%

5/6B - 95.17%

5/6S - 96.77%

A few bugs going around this week which has affected attendance this week. Hopefully, we will be back on track next week. Well done to 5K with our top attendance this week!!

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Not sure which benefits you should be getting?

We're here to help you.



Families in your area are missing out on £100s of benefits. Get free support with:

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- Childcare costs
- Debt advice
- Utility grants
- Budgeting advice
- And more
- Council tax support

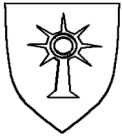


Get in touch:

Contact Manjeet McCartney. Financial Inclusion Officer at manjeet@resolvepoverty.org or on 0161 250 6322.



Resolve Poverty is working to support families across Greater Manchester. We have funding from Trafford Council and the Del Panno Trust Fund to deliver this project to families/carers of students of this school. The support provided is utilising Citizens Advice expertise and resources.



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