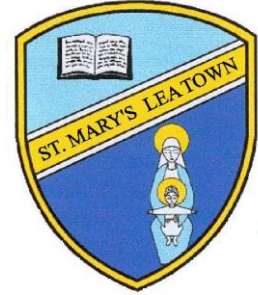


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*'Happy are those who hear the word of  
God and keep it' Luke 11.28*

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### **Positive Cases Coronavirus Cases in School**

Dear Parent/ Carer

I write to share information with you so that we can work in partnership to keep each other safe.

Unfortunately, we have now had several cases of Coronavirus since returning to school. These have been reported appropriately and in accordance with the latest guidance.

You will be aware from my previous letters and newsletters, that the way positive Covid cases are reported and handled has changed (effective since 16.8.21). NHS track and Trace are now in charge of this process and if a pupil is positive they will contact you, the families to identify close contacts.

**As you are not in school everyday I understand it would be an almost impossible task so we ask you to involve us in helping you safely identify all pupils/ staff that will need to seek a PCR test. This will help us reduce the spread and ultimately safeguard others.**

Rather than isolate Whole Bubbles/ classes, it is now policy that pupils / adults who are deemed 'Close Contacts' would seek a PCR test and would share a Negative result before returning to school. PCR tests can be booked online <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119

As we have experienced several cases, I have liaised with the Local Authority and Public Health England. I have reviewed our rigorous Risk Assessments and evaluated the measures we have in place.

I wish to assure families we maintain the highest standards of cleanliness and undertake 'High touch' cleaning daily as well as Fogging (disinfecting) throughout the day. All staff and pupils continue to wash hands frequently and we promote good hygiene practises.

It is my responsibility to take any additional measures whilst also ensuring pupils have access to their curriculum and enrichments opportunities in the safest way possible.

**After liaising with and taking advice from Public Health England I shall now enforce the following additional measures:**

- Re introduce the wearing of face coverings in Communal areas for staff and Visitors\* (Visitors are strictly reduced to essential visitors only)
- strongly encourage families to wear a face covering when entering the school grounds and or passing on the narrow pathways
- Only 1 adult\* in entrance Foyer at a given time (adults should only come in when essential- please send items in via children and/ or call/ email us at school)
- Only 1 parent/ carer to enter the school grounds in the mornings and for collection
- Reduce the mixing of classes where possible – separate break times and lunch play times
- Take additional measures when classes cross (Such as breakfast clubs, extra curricular clubs) such measures would include being outdoors where ever possible and ensure social distancing, santising of resources etc.
- Encourage all adults to seek their vaccination see attached a list of drop in centres locally
- Ask anyone demonstrating symptoms, including wider symptoms, to seek a PCR test and remain at home until well

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Additional symptoms – particularly common with the Delta variant include; sneezing, running nose, sore throat, diarrhoea and sickness.

Once again I thank you for your ongoing support and for working with us to keep every member of our St. Mary's family safe.

If you would like any further advice or support please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Mrs. A. Brogden  
Head Teacher

## Mobile Covid-19 vaccinations (walk-in only) in Lancashire and South Cumbria

Date	Town	Venue	Time
Monday 13 September	Blackburn	Aston Pharmacy, 95 Accrington Rd, Blackburn BB1 2AF	9.30am-6.30pm (closed 12.30-2.30)
Monday 13 September	Heysham	St James Centre - Heysham (West End Pharmacy), Heysham Road, LA3 2RT	9am-12 noon
Monday 13 September	Blackpool	Moor Park Health Centre, Bristol Avenue, Blackpool. FY2 0JG - not available for 16/17 year olds	10am-3.30pm (closed 1-1.30)
Monday 13 September	St Annes	Our Lady Star of the Sea (St Annes Pharmacy), 63 St Alban's Rd, Lytham Saint Annes, FY8 1XD	9.30am-5.45pm (closed 1-2)
Monday 13 September	Clitheroe	West Bradford Village Hall, West Bradford, Clitheroe, BB7 4TE	8.30am-7pm (closed 1-2)
Monday 13 September	Preston	Unit 1 Eastway Hub Retail Park, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 3LL	8.30am-7pm (closed 1-2)
Monday 13 September	Chorley	Chorley and South Ribble District Hospital Preston Rd, Chorley PR7 1PP	8.20am-7pm (closed 12-12.30)
Monday 13 September	Preston	St Johns Shopping Centre, Preston, PR1 1FB	8.20am-6.45pm
Tuesday 14 September	Blackburn	Aston Pharmacy, 95 Accrington Rd, Blackburn BB1 2AF	9.30am-6.30pm (closed 12.30-2.30)
Tuesday 14 September	Heysham	St James Centre - Heysham (West End Pharmacy), Heysham Road, LA3 2RT	4.30pm-7pm
Tuesday 14 September	Blackpool	Moor Park Health Centre, Bristol Avenue, Blackpool. FY2 0JG - not available for 16/17 year olds	10am-3.30pm (closed 1-1.30)
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