

The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot thank you all enough for all of your support through this past year. As we approach half term It is important that everyone is aware that although Northampton is opening up, we still need to be very cautious about the risk of Covid-19, especially in light of the new variant.

There are things you still need to do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth & nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Positive cases:

Should you test positive over the next few days, we would ask that you contact the office using the head@thegoodshepherd.northants-ecl.gov.uk email address and we will contact all close contacts to isolate.

Vaccinations:

Public Health are strongly urging everybody eligible for the vaccine in Northampton who hasn't had their vaccine yet to book ASAP!

Booking is easy, please go to

[Book or manage your coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Foreign travel:

We are still being advised against all non-essential international travel to most countries and territories. You should check the country page for your destination if you do have to travel:

[Foreign travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Face coverings:

We are still asking that you continue to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up your children at school due to concerns about the inability to socially distance at some locations. Please stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

We are slowly returning to group settings within classrooms and we are asking children to bring bookbags after half term and to use cloakrooms attached to bubbles. Bubbles will continue to operate after half term. Staggered drop offs and collections will also continue and we are now looking at ways to support children's transition throughout school in the summer term.

I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax in some long-awaited sunshine and to spend time with family.

God Bless and take care,

Mrs Carmel Dodds

Headteacher