

# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School



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## COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the words of a famous song...here we go again! I, like you, did heave a great big sigh after Boris' announcements earlier this week. However, I do feel extremely lucky to be the Head Teacher of The Good Shepherd because we have such a supportive parent community. I know that because of what you helped us to achieve during the previous lockdown. I also realise that despite the fact that you were amazing at delivering home learning and the teachers were fabulous at teaching on TEAMS, we really want to face to face teaching over the months ahead.

Thank you all so much for your support this week with mask wearing on site, we really do appreciate it. We are keeping up to date with the changes locally and nationally in regards to COVID cases and are extremely grateful that all staff have been fully vaccinated and are now having their boosters.

We are very keen for the children's nativities to go ahead in the coming weeks as planned. Their singing is truly amazing. I think they are really making up for the productions they have missed out on over the past two years.

We have planned to film all plays regardless, as this will ensure that all parents do have the opportunity to watch their child from the comfort of their own home (these will be shared via TEAMS/ Tapestry.) We are hoping that with the increased number of performances to previous years and the reduction in class numbers of those involved, e.g. year 3&4 and year 5&6 are performing separate performances this will ensure less audience members in the hall. We are also asking audience members to wear masks unless exempt. Should we see an increase in cases, we will adjust our plans accordingly.

We are currently looking at ventilation in classrooms and as the weather is becoming increasingly cooler, we are trying to navigate our way around government advice to have doors and windows open to improve ventilation but at the same time, ensuring children and adults do not become ill because they are too cold.

We are planning a sensible approach therefore we are advising our staff to ensure that the doors and windows are open during break and lunch or when children are attending PE/rehearsals in the hall but when the children are in class they are only partially open.

We would also recommend that children are dressed in layers; It may be suitable to ensure children are wearing a vest/t-shirt beneath their school shirt and ensure that they are wearing their school jumper/cardigan. With regards to PE and forest school, Children should also be wearing suitable layers due to lessons taking place outside. We would also ask the children to inform their teacher if they are feeling too cold we can ensure they can wear coat/scarf etc or too hot, they can then



remove layers. We really want to ensure that all children are well enough to attend and participate in all the planned Christmas activities.

We have 10 more school getting ups and we want them to be the best 10 Ever!!! As you know we can do this with your continued support!

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you in school during the run up to Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Dodds

Headteacher