



SCHOOL UPDATES & REMINDERS

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Please continue to support the school, its staff, pupils and our wider school community by ensuring that you continue to adhere to our Covid protocols until the end of term.

We will be required to instruct all close contacts (including whole class bubbles) to isolate for 10 days if any positive Covid cases are identified between now and the end of term, so please do not take any chances by failing to follow current requirements.

- Children **must** isolate immediately if they **or any household member or close contact** develop Covid symptoms.
- **You must book a PCR test for your child** if they develop Covid symptoms.
- **Do not give an 'LFD' test to 'be on the safe side'**; they are not designed for children or anyone who has Covid symptoms and **cannot be used to negate the requirement to isolate.**

CONTINUING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:

Please share these protocols with all adults involved in providing care for your child.

If your child displays any of the following COVID symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change of the sense of smell or taste

it is vital that you:

- **Keep your child and any siblings/household members at home** and isolated;
- **Book a test.** Tests can be booked online <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by ringing 119 if you have problems using the online service;
- **Notify school immediately** by emailing wsmcovid@gatedu.org.

You are strongly encouraged to book a test at a testing centre – rather than a postal test – to avoid the delay of critical information to contacts.

An LFD (Lateral Flow Device) should not be used on a symptomatic case and cannot be used instead of a PCR test.

If any member of your household or **any close contact that your child has outside of school** develops symptoms, **your child must isolate immediately** and **must not come to school** until a COVID-19 test outcome is received by the symptomatic case.

We will continue to respond appropriately to, and keep you well informed of, Government and Public Health Advice regarding the proposed roadmap out of restrictions.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021:

Following the Secretary of State for Education's announcement and subsequent release of Department for Education guidance issued this week, we are currently reviewing our arrangements for school for September 2021. We hope to have a draft plan to share with parents by the end of term. Updates and finalised arrangements for the new term will be shared via eschools and the school website over the Summer break in advance of pupils' return to school on **Tuesday 7th September**.

REPORTS:

End of year reports have been sent home this week for all pupils. If you would like to discuss anything urgently about your child's report, please make an appointment via the school office to speak with your child's teacher, or if required, a member of the leadership team, at a mutually convenient time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

A huge well done to all our Y4 pupils who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this Tuesday. We continue to pray for all the children and their families that they may continue to answer Jesus' call to share in the Eucharistic feast and be nourished, sustained and renewed by doing so.

REMINDER – SIMS PAY:

Please could all parents ensure that SIMS Pay accounts for dinner money and school trips are paid in full in advance of the end of term. Payments for school dinners should be paid in advance and will amount to £11.75 for the 5 remaining days of term (if a school dinner is taken each day). Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY:

Unlabeled and unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity or recycled if it is not claimed by the end of term. If you think that your child has lost an item of clothing in school and it has not been returned, please contact the school office as a matter of urgency for assistance. Thank you.

FINAL OF EURO 2020:

We will all be watching with hope and anticipation as the England men's football team take part in their first final in a major tournament since 1966 on Sunday night. We know that many of our pupils will be allowed, given the significance of the event, to stay up and watch some/all of the match (which we're all hoping, for the sake of our collective nerves, **not** to go to penalties!). School opening and registration times will however remain the same on Monday for all (staff included!) – though I am sure we all may need a couple of early bedtimes before and after the big day!

GOOD LUCK:

We wish all the best to Mrs Gardner who will now be officially starting her maternity leave in advance of the birth of her second child. We look forward to hearing of the safe arrival of her new little one in the near future.