



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear parents and carers

I hope that you are already enjoying the Easter break with your children.

As I mentioned in the end of term newsletter, I would be writing to share **Covid-19 protocols for during the holiday period.**

Schools remain responsible for track and trace in relation to positive pupils cases over the holiday period and these may have an impact upon the potential statutory isolation of others in school community up until 1st April.

As such please continue to report all positive confirmed cases throughout the holiday period as well as any symptomatic individuals who are isolating. This enables us to identify any close contacts that we may need to and also to ensure that we know who may still be isolating upon return after the Easter holiday periods. The only email account that will be monitored on a daily basis is head@stvincent.herts.sch.uk – as such please ensure that all covid related emails are sent via this account.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in ensuring that our whole community is protected.

Following my message is an important update from Hertfordshire County Council which I would ask that your read carefully.

Yours sincerely

Jon White
Headteacher



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Hertfordshire County Council has asked every school to share this important update with you:

As we begin the Easter holidays, and some Government guidance changes around socialising outside and outdoor sport, it's so important that we don't let our guard down and increase the risk of Covid-19 outbreaks when schools return.

From Monday 29 March, you can:

- Meet up outside (including in private gardens) with six other people, or as two households
- Take part in formally organised outdoor sports with any number of people (outdoor sport venues and facilities will be able to reopen)
- Childcare and supervised activities will be allowed outdoors for all children

You and your family can continue to keep yourselves and others safe by:

- Washing your hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water or using an antibacterial hand sanitiser if soap and water isn't available
- Keeping socially distanced, staying at least 2 metres away from those not in your immediate household
- Wearing a face-covering where required and when it is difficult to socially distance
- Self-isolating and getting tested if you develop symptoms or receive a positive lateral flow test (LFT) result
- Not socialising indoors with anyone who isn't in your immediate household. You're not allowed to have sleepovers or playdates, even if your child is in a school bubble
- Not sending children back to school ill or with symptoms of Covid-19 after the Easter break – if your child is sick, please keep them at home

If your child is in year 7 or above and taking regular LFT, you should encourage them to continue to take these and report results as normal during the Easter holidays. If they receive a positive test at home, everyone in your household must begin self-isolating immediately and you need to book a PCR test to confirm the positive result. Any positive tests received up until 1 April, should be reported to your school so that they can complete the track and trace process with the Public Health team.

Babies and children in early years settings, nurseries, infant and primary schools should not be taking LFT, please don't do home tests on younger children. If you are worried about small children or they develop symptoms, please seek advice from your GP or call 111.

Thank you again for playing your part and helping to keep our schools safe and open for face to face learning.

We wish you all a safe and happy Easter.

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