



ST. HILD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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At St. Hild's Church of England School we aim to provide all of our pupils
with a world class education in a Christian context.
We expect to find God at work in our school.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

14th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I must begin my letter to you by saying how delightful it has been to have the children back in the building and engaged with their learning. We are working hard to ensure home learning continues as part of our programme to support your child's progress and so homework and lesson content will continue to be uploaded to TEAMS.

The much anticipated announcement from the Government about the further easing of lockdown will bring relief for many of you as life gets back to greater normality and we are able to spend time with friends and loved ones.

However, with the exception of the **removal of the requirement to wear face masks for pupils**, there is little difference in the way schools must operate. Maintaining stricter Covid procedures in school will hopefully help to minimise the possibility of transmission of the virus as lockdown eases and life gets back to normal.

"The government have announced that from Monday 17th May face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas in all schools. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. However in all schools we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas)."

"The reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern. In all cases, any educational drawbacks should be balanced with the benefits of managing transmission."

Face masks must still be worn by visitors to our site, and must be worn on public transport, including the scholars' buses. We ask that parents and carers support us in ensuring that their child is aware that they must still adhere to social distancing along with regular hand washing/sanitisation; pupils must not bring their own sanitiser into school.

It is important to stress that coronavirus has not gone away; there are strains in circulation which are more infectious, and the vaccine, as effective as it seems to be, does not stop the transmission of the virus. Therefore we ask that families continue with the LFD testing as it has been reported that one in three positive Covid cases show no symptoms. We will continue to send testing kits home with your child. If you or your child test positive on the LFD test then please book a PCR test and contact the school immediately.



"I have come that they may have
life in all its fullness." - John 10:10



Whilst in school, if your child displays Covid-19 symptoms we will contact you to collect them immediately and ask that you take your child for a PCR test. If the school receives notification of a positive PCR test we will look at close contact and get in touch with parents and carers where there is a need for their child to self-isolate.

I have linked the guidance to parents as a reminder of how to support your child.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Please continue to check our website, Twitter and SchoolCal for any updates. We have added Facebook and Instagram to our social media communication.

If you have any queries which are not addressed by the information on our website, please do not hesitate to contact us via the Main School Office and we will do our best to help.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Gibson', written in a cursive style.

T Gibson
Headteacher