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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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The Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support over the last term. It has not been an easy one for anyone and the children are certainly ready for a break. Let's hope for a sunny Summer Term with no interruptions!

Covid-19 testing information for parents:

We have been asked to share the following information with parents:

The type of Covid-19 test you or your child should take depends on whether or not you or your child are presenting with any symptoms.

There are two types of test currently available – one is a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test, and the other an LFT (Lateral Flow Test).

Testing for those with symptoms

If you or your child have any of the classic three Covid-19 symptoms – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - you should isolate and get a PCR test. If the result of your PCR test is positive, you and your close contacts should isolate for 10 days following the positive result. If the result is negative, you do not need to isolate.

If you or your child have other new or unusual symptoms or if in doubt, you can get a PCR test. You do not need to isolate for 10 days until you receive your results, unless you are isolating for other reasons such as 48-hour diarrhoea or vomiting, or if you are feeling unwell in general. If you test positive following your PCR test, you and your close contacts must isolate for 10 days following the positive result.

If the result is negative, and you no longer have symptoms, you do not need to isolate.

Get a PCR test here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Testing for those without symptoms

Twice-weekly asymptomatic testing is now available and you can [find out more about how to access these tests here](#). This testing is carried out using a Lateral Flow Test.

If you do use a LFT on your child **at home** and the result is positive, you will need to do a follow-up PCR test to confirm the test is positive and isolate for 10 days. You will need to communicate this with your child's school.

In the event of an outbreak of Covid-19 at a school, where your child does not have symptoms, but they have come into close contact with a positive case, then they will also need to isolate for 10 days.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in keeping those around you safe by following national guidelines around Hands, Face, Space, as well as taking part in the twice-weekly testing available to you.

Updated COVID Reference Guide for Parents:

As parents you need to be aware that we have been requested by Public Health and the DfE to follow arrangements for reporting positive cases as follows:

- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should NOT be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after Thursday 1st April, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of last being in school**, you **must contact the school via email no later than 10am**.

Reminders:

- Children will return to school on Monday 19th April in summer uniform:
Boys: School polo shirt with logo, school sweatshirt with logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey socks & black school shoes.
Girls: Green/white gingham dress, school sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with logo, white socks, black school shoes, green scrunchies, green headbands or green bobbles are allowed.
- **PE kits are to be in school for the week. PE kits will go home on a Friday for washing! We have a Summer of Sport planned for every class so PE are needed every day.**
- **Please continue to arrive at the staggered times:**

Drop and Go:

8.40 am all siblings

8.50 am children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 with no brothers or sisters at school

Gate will be closed at 8.55am prompt

Collect and Go:

3.10 pm Siblings

3.20 pm Reception, Key Stage 1 and 2 children who have no brothers or sisters at school

Holy Week & Easter Services 2021 at St Oswald's, A Message from Fr Michael:

As the numbers at each of the Triduum services and at Mass on Easter Sunday are still restricted in line with current government guidelines, unfortunately once again these will need to be booked events as the same as Christmas. Requests must be made in writing with the names of those attending and a contact address and telephone number. Please return completed forms as soon as possible either by hand after Mass or placed through the presbytery door. Please assume you have a place unless you are contacted to say the church capacity has been reached. Those attending must be in their seats at least 10 minutes before the start of the Mass/service. Please find attached booking form.

And finally...

Thank you for supporting the Easter Egg Raffle and the Silly Hair Day. All the money raised is going towards new Picnic Tables for the playground.

Have a lovely Easter break, see you on Monday 19th April.

Take care,

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher