



**"We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives."**



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 7th January, 2022**

# St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome back to school. Happy New Year to you all. May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022.



It's been lovely to hear so many of our children tell me how they enjoyed their Christmas break. From seeing the children at work and speaking to the teachers, it seems that everyone has returned eagerly as we begin this term. By the end of next week, you will receive a copy of this term's Curriculum Matters Newsletter from your class teacher, which will outline the learning that will take place between now and Easter.

## School Dinners

Now winter has well and truly arrived, you may wish for your child to be served a hot, nutritious and freshly-prepared school dinner each day.

For children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2, school meals are **completely free of charge**. For children in Year 3 to Year 6, the cost is £2.30 each day. School meals can be paid for and ordered easily through the MyEd app.



**If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please see our website on how to apply - <https://www.st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk/parents/school-meals/>**

**Attendance for the last week of last term: 94.1%**

FS1am	74.5%
FS1pm	76.7%
FS1 30hrs	92.9%
FS2KW	93.1%
FS2TG	93.1%
Y1RB	90.5%
Y1CG	92.1%
Y2DK	88.6%
Y2RT	94.8%
Y3HA	95.0%
Y3AN	95.1%
Y4NH	98.6%
Y4 SM	93.5%
Y5SC	99.0%
Y5VD	95.1%
Y6GM	93.8%
Y6NS	95.5%

## Staffing Updates

Mrs Shivley has now officially taken up her post as Deputy Headteacher. I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Brizzolara has been successfully appointed to replace Mrs Hill as Child and Family Support Worker. Mrs Brizzolara will be in school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We say goodbye to Mrs Siwik and wish her the very best for the future. Mrs Dickie has also been successfully appointed as Key Stage 2 Leader. I look forward to working with each staff member in their new roles and wish them every success.

Just a few weeks ago, we were saddened to hear of the passing of our good friend and colleague, Ms Sue Mason. Ms Mason was a wonderful person who was much-loved by everyone in our school community; she was a truly inspirational woman, who saw the positives in every situation. She will be dearly missed by us all. Please keep Sue's family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



## Covid 19: Important Information

### *Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19*

The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has **been reduced to 7 days** in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

- Individuals may now take **Lateral Flow (LFD)** tests on **Day 6 and Day 7** of their self-isolation period;
- Those who receive **two negative test results** are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation;
- **The first test** must be taken **no earlier than Day 6** of the self-isolation period and **tests must be taken 24 hours apart**. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion;
- **If both lateral flow tests are negative**, then pupils can return to school from **Day 7**. (If you take the test at 7:00am each day – 24hrs apart – then you can come to school at 9:00am on Day 7 as you will have two negative tests. If you take it later in the day, then you would have to attend on the next day or from the time you have a second negative result after 24 hrs have passed. **Please note that anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation;**
- People who test positive with a lateral flow test **do not** need to order a follow-up PCR test if they do not have symptoms. Anyone who has symptoms will still need to take a PCR test regardless, and anyone who tests positive with any test must self-isolate. **This change comes into force in England from 11th January.**

### *Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19*

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. However, please note that:

- Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts.
- If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing.
- If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

## Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **Discipleship** (or **Follow** for Foundation Stage children). This word will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



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