



Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid – 19 in St John Fisher

I hope you are all well. In school, we have a big increase in positive covid-19 cases amongst children and staff. We pray that everyone who has tested positive keeps well and have a swift recovery.

It is a difficult moment for our school community and we thank everyone for their continued support and understanding.

Recently, we have seen an increase in positive covid-19 cases in the school amongst children. I am writing to state what we are doing as a result of this and what you should do too. All national guidance, PHE England and PHE Leicestershire advice is being followed in this regard. We regularly speak to these bodies – this past week, it has been daily contact. This is also in line with our CMAT [Covid outbreak management plan](#).

- Review local risk assessment
- Emphasizing and enhancing current measures – cleaning, ventilation, testing etc.
- Encouraging uptake of asymptomatic testing
- Use of outdoor activities if possible.
- We have temporarily suspended whole school gatherings.
- One-off enhanced cleaning focusing on touch points and any shared equipment
- Optional: Communications from the setting to the community about current cases. Letter already sent out to classes to notify that there has been an increase in cases.

Communication

Once there is a case of a positive covid-19 in your class, we will communicate this to parents in the class similar to what we would do if there was an outbreak of head lice in a class. This is not obligatory but we believe it will be informative to our families to remain vigilant. We cannot and will not inform you of who the positive cases are. This is medically confidential information.

If cases in a class reach a threshold of 5 or more cases amongst staff and children, we issue guidance form Public Health Leicestershire where all close contacts of cases, age 4 or over, are asked to have a PCR test in order to try and reduce the spread of the virus.

Tracing close contacts

Close contacts in schools are now identified by NHS Test and Trace and education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case or their parent to identify close contacts. **Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close**

contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.

Symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have coronavirus and stay at home until you get the result, even if the symptoms are mild.

Bearing in mind half term is coming up, regular testing is advisable. Please inform us of any test results. We thank everyone for voluntarily wearing facemasks at arrival and collection times too.

If your child is isolating but feels well enough to continue with schoolwork at home, please contact your classteacher via Class Dojo or email.

REMINDER....Positive COVID Cases

If you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms or are awaiting test results, you should inform the school straight away. As soon as you know your child's result, please inform the school by using the dedicated email address: testing@stjohnfisher-wigston.leics.sch.uk This will be monitored 24-7.

Swimming

Swimming has been cancelled today due to Covid-19 situation and is under review for next Friday. After half-term, Year 3 and 4 begin their school swimming lessons.

Harvest collection

Five house points for each item brought in!

Charities will collect the produce, after our Harvest Mass on Thursday, to distribute in Wigston and Oadby. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

Parking and Road safety

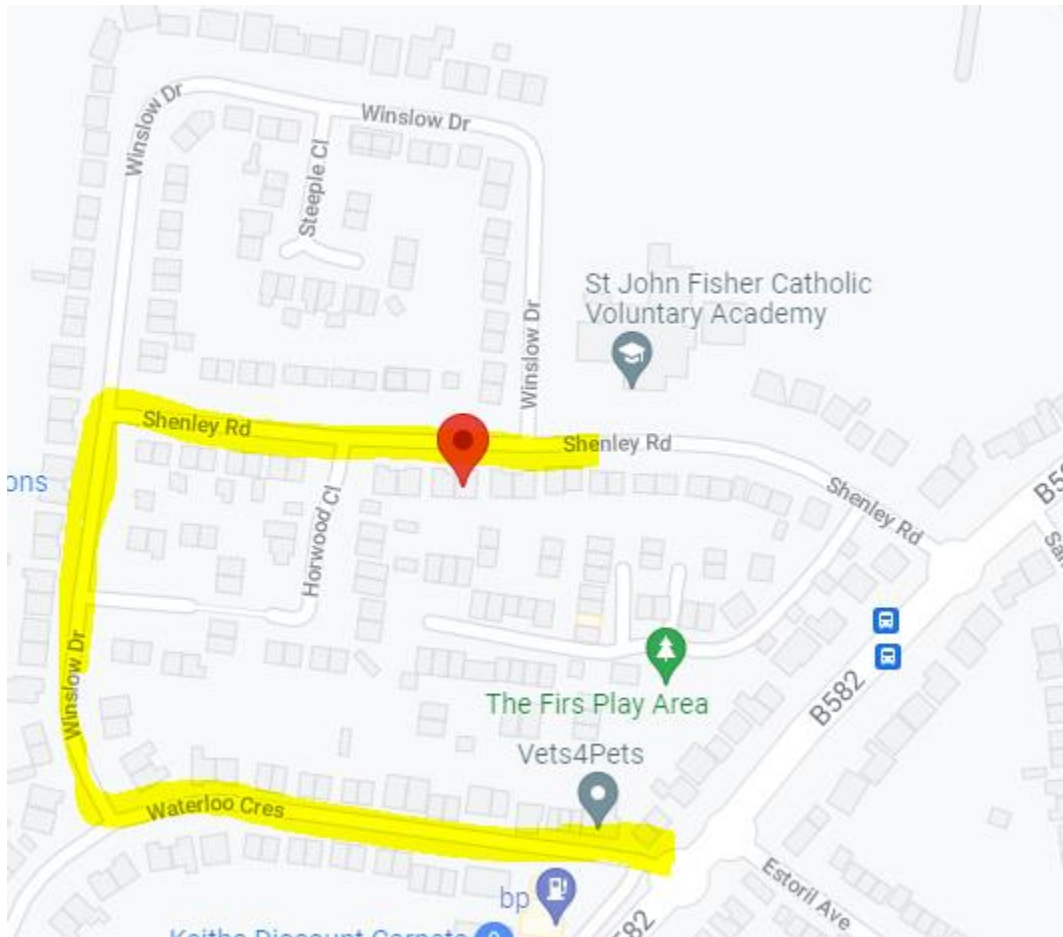
Please park with due care and attention for all of our children and our neighbours.

Do not park across driveways or on zig zag lines even momentarily. It is obvious despite some staggering that it is busier around the beginning of the school day and at the end of the school day than it was last year. If travelling by car, children should exit on the pavement side of the road and not out onto the open road. When



crossing the road, it is paramount that children look both sides and only cross when it is safe to do with an adult.

As a reminder, here is the map of the school which lists the numerous places for parking and also highlights another way to access via Waterloo Crescent. Often, I see bottlenecks with cars and vans on Shenley Road going out onto the main Oadby/Wigston Road, while the other routes are relatively clear.



Parents' evening

This year parents evening will be an online video call with the class teacher. Details have been sent on Parentmail on 1st October.

Please note this will only be a 10-minute conversation about how your child has settled, what they are doing well in and what they may need additional support with. This brief conversation will enable all parents to have a short face to face meeting with the class teacher. Please be aware that the call will only last 10 minutes. If you have any further concerns an additional call can be arranged with the class teacher at a later date.

Seasonal Flu vaccination

Please remember to go online to give your consent to your child receiving the Flu vaccination this year. Letter was sent out on 29th September.



MASS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our St John Fisher pupils who will receive their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. St John Fisher School Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 10th October at 2.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

For parents of children of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION age, there will be a meeting at HOLY CROSS SCHOOL on Tuesday 26th October starting at 2.45pm, so that children can be collected at 2.15pm.

For parents of children at ST. JOHN FISHER or who do not attend a catholic school, we will be holding a meeting on Thursday 28th October in St Mary's Hall starting at 6.00pm. We plan to start LESSONS the following week, 2nd November in Holy Cross School and 4th November in St. Mary's Hall. If you have any questions, or would like to register your interest, please contact HILARI on 07734 690611 or hilari@stmaryswigston.org

Thank you for your support.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

- 12th Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7
- 13TH Year 6 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5
- 14TH Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5
- 15TH Swimming Concludes For Year 5 & 6
School Closes for The Half Term Holiday
- 25TH School Re Opens
- 26TH Individual and Sibling Photographs Day
- 28TH Oadby & Wigston Cross Country Meet Round 2 (Year ³/₄)
- 29TH Swimming Begins For Year 3 & 4 (First Week: Assessment Only)
Team Building Year 6

NOVEMBER



- 3RD LEICESTER SSPAN CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
- 4TH Year 1 Ks1 Festival Aylestone Leisure centre
- 5th Seasonal Flu Vaccination for School Age Children (Reception to Year 6)

- 9TH Year 2 Ks1 Festival Aylestone Leisure Centre
- 15TH Year 4 Football Goals 1-2.30pm
- 19TH School Closed for Teacher Training Day**
- 22ND Year 5 & 6 Football Goals 1 – 2.30pm
- 28TH First Week Of Advent

DECEMBER

- 9TH Christmas Dinners
- 10TH Christmas Jumper Day!
- 16TH Beauty and The Beast production @ St John Fisher
- 21ST Tuesday: School Closes for The Christmas Holiday

JUNE

27TH JUNE TO WEDNESDAY, 29TH JUNE 2022

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