St George's RC Primary
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Our New Value for the Summer Term

Our school value for this half term is '**Tolerance**'



COVID

Please take heed of the additional attached updated advice and guidance that will be sent out with this newsletter.

Self-Isolation Payments for low income families

Any pupil who is identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 is required to self-isolate at home for a period of 10 days.
If a parent or carer on a low income needs to take time off work to care for their child while they remain at home and this results in a loss of income, they may be eligible for financial support.

Newcastle City Council administers a Test and Trace Support Payment scheme for which eligible parents or carers can apply for £500 one off support.

To qualify they must meet the following criteria:

- The parent or carer of the child or young person must live in the same household, **and**
- needs to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate (this is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period), **and**
- They are employed or self-employed, **and**
- They are unable to work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result, **and**
- They or their partner are currently receiving at least one of the following benefits:
    - Universal Credit

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- Working Tax Credit
- income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Support
- Housing Benefit
- Pension Credit

And

- The child or young person they care for:
    - is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) and normally attends an education or childcare setting, **and**
    - has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Applications can be made online at:
https://newcastle.gov.uk/TestandTraceSupportPayments

Supporting evidence will be required with the application including a copy of the letter from the child's school instructing them to self-isolate.
As part of the verification process the Test and Trace Support Payment team will make contact with the school via telephone or email to confirm the applicable child has been asked to self-isolate by the school due to being identified as a close contact. This is not a GDPR issue as this check is made clear to applicants. Please pass this on to office staff who might take such a call.

The payment will be made within 3 working days of a successful application.

Thank you
Thank you to all parents who have been adhering to Covid guidelines. Please read Mrs Miller's letter to parents attached.

Join us in Prayer



Teachers for September
N/R Miss Lawson
Year 1/2 Miss Dunn and Mr Howard
Year 2/3 Mrs Douglass
Year 4/5 Mrs Ellin
Year 6 Miss McMahon

PE dates for this term
N/R- PE Monday, Outdoor Day Tuesday
Year1- PE Friday, Outdoor Day Wednesday
Year2/3-Wednesday and Friday
Y4/5-Thursday
Y5/6- Thursday

Return Days for Home Reading Books
N/R- Friday
Year1-Tuesday
Year2/3-Friday
Year4/5-Friday
Year5/6-Friday

Warmer Weather
Please could we remind you to apply sun cream before school on hot days. Your child can also apply their own cream at lunchtime if this is required. Please make sure all bottles of cream are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We encourage children to bring a filled water bottle to school every day.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 11th June	**Basketball club for Year 4/5 children starts**
Tuesday 20th July	**Dug Out Competition Day. PE kits required.**
Wednesday 21st July	**Basketball Fun Day. PE kits required.**
Friday 25th June	**Year 6 Fun afternoon, campfire and sleepover**
Week beginning 5th July	**Moving up playtimes with teachers for September**
Thursday 22nd July	**School closes for summer holidays**
Friday 23rd July	**Teacher Training Day**

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