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'Growing, Learning and Loving; United in Play, Prayer and Peace'

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Dear Parents,

I am sure you have seen in the press that the Government has taken the decision to reduce the restrictions further from tomorrow (Thursday 27th January). As you know we have had some increased restrictions in school since Christmas.

Unfortunately, St George and St Martin is still seeing large case numbers in school and so it would be unwise for us to reduce these restrictions at the moment. Due to this the below will remain for the time being.

1. Parents will not be permitted into school for any assemblies or other events.
2. Assemblies and other large gatherings of children will be done remotely.
3. The children will be eating lunch in their classrooms.
4. Staff will wear face coverings when out on the yard with parents and in communal areas of the school.
5. We are advising parents to wear face coverings when on school premises (when dropping and collecting children- Please note this is only advice and will not be enforced.)

It remains essential if your child is displaying any of the typical covid symptoms;

- **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

you do NOT bring them to school and book them a PCR test. They must isolate until the result is known.

In addition, if your child is identified as a close contact they MUST complete daily testing for 7 days. If these results are negative your child may continue to attend school. As has always been the case we will inform you if someone in the class has tested positive and ask that your child has daily testing. Currently, we have active cases In Nursery, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

As always, this will be under constant review and as soon as possible we will remove these arrangements.

I would like to thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

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Principal