



Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Family

We are very much looking forward to all pupils returning to school on Monday 8th March. Please pass on to your child/ children that there will be lots of familiar faces (albeit wearing masks) at the gate, ready to welcome them back to school. In addition, year group staff will meet and greet the children at their classroom doors too. Parents of our pupils in **reception classes** are asked to continue to supervise your child to the outside classroom door, please. All other pupils will make their own way to classrooms. **Please ensure that the school gates and pavement between the two are kept clear at all times.** For more information regarding the transition back into school, please see our [Post School Closure Action Plan](#).

School shoes

I appreciate that your children may have grown out of their school shoes and that you may not be in a position to replace them, with shops being closed and no opportunity to try shoes on. Until such a time as you are able to replace them, please send your child in the shoes that they have that are closest to a school type shoe and are appropriate for a day in school.

Vacancy

We have one vacancy for a full time, permanent lunch time supervisor. If you would be interested in applying for this role, please contact the school office on 01384 818810 for further details.

Lateral Flow Testing

The Local Authority have asked us to share the following information with you regarding home testing for families of primary aged pupils:

Parents and carers can also visit www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirusparents for more information on both symptom and symptom-free testing and the other symptoms residents are now being encouraged to take a precautionary test if they display.

Accessing symptom-free tests

Parents and carers and anyone else living with a school age child or young person are among the priority groups being given access to free home lateral flow testing kits to test themselves.

Information on how to access these can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

All are strongly encouraged to have a lateral flow test at a local testing site prior to starting home testing, to know how a test is undertaken.

Email: info@st-james.dudley.sch.uk Website: www.st-james.dudley.sch.uk



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Twice weekly testing will help detect hidden asymptomatic cases and help keep pupils and staff safer in school.

Anyone unable to do home testing can go to one of the Dudley lateral flow testing centres. These are at Dudley Leisure Centre, Saltwells Education Centre, with pop-up sessions at Holy Trinity Church Community Centre in Wordsley, Lifecentral Church in Halesowen, St Andrews Church in Sedgley, St James Church in Wollaston and the Salvation Army Church in Lye.

There is also testing at more than 30 pharmacies across the borough. For details on where you can get a lateral flow test and to book visit www.dudley.gov.uk/symptom-free-testing

School Uniform

A quick reminder that if you require any school uniform, there will be pre-owned uniform for you to collect on Friday 5th March 4 – 5 pm and Saturday 6th March 930 am – 10 30am. Please ensure that you wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

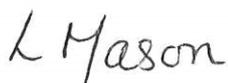
Term dates and Planned INSET days:

Just a quick reminder of the rest of this year's term dates and planned INSET days:

Term ends Thursday 1st April
Pupils return Monday 19th April
Monday 3rd May – Bank holiday
Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Thursday 6th May – INSET
Monday 7th June – INSET
Summer Term ends Wednesday 21st July.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend ahead of next week's return to school. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Yours sincerely



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