



# Academy Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Autumn Term

Issue: 4

## Coronavirus Update

At the time of writing, we continue to have no positive tests for Covid-19 for any pupil or member of staff. We would like to commend the pupils for their continued efforts in class and as they move around the Academy. Additionally we would like to thank those of you who are taking precautions at the gates to reduce the risk of transmission between adults. May we remind you of the government guidance to **stay 2 metres apart** from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings).

As an Academy, we continue to advise you to follow the government's guidance on self-isolation and access to a coronavirus test within 3 to 5 days if anyone is experiencing one or more of the symptoms outlined below. If the test is negative the child and the family can stop isolating and return to the Academy/work if they feel well enough. We appreciate the difficulty in securing tests, but this advice is precautionary.

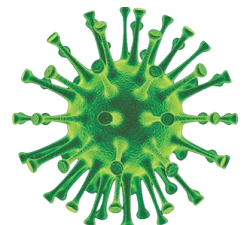
### Covid-19 symptoms:

- 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

**Cold Symptoms - Your child may come to the Academy and will not be sent home with one of the following:**

- A blocked or runny nose
- A sore throat
- Headache

Thank you for supporting us during this time. Wishing you all the best of health.



## Drop Off and Pick Up

Please try to keep yourselves and your children safe, particularly on the rural track, by standing on the pavement, so that vehicles have clear access to the entrance. For those of you with a short wait, please monitor your children's behaviour at these times so we are being considerate to our neighbours.

We do understand that there may be the odd occasion that you may be late for drop off and pick up due to traffic. If possible, please inform the Academy of this in advance so we are aware of the situation. However, we would like to urge you to be as prompt as possible for the staggered start and finish times as we would like to avoid pupils crossing into different bubbles. Additionally due to the new timings of the day, we have a reduced capacity of staff to collect/drop off pupils outside of their set start time. If you are late to collect your child at the end of the day, your child will be placed into Stars and you may incur a charge.

## #Hello Yellow - Supporting Young Minds on World Mental Health Day - Friday 9th October

On Friday 9th October it is World Mental Health Day and we will be supporting Young Minds charity in 3 ways:

- 1 - Wear yellow to school as a way of showing solidarity with young people and helping them know that they're not alone.
- 2 - Donate £1 via the School Gateway - if you have not yet signed up, please see the information on this newsletter.
- 3 - Take part in the #Hello Yellow challenge - see attached information and joke sheet!

Pupils in years 2, 4 and 6 have PE on this day. You may come to school in your PE kit as usual, as this is yellow! Or you can wear your own yellow clothes, but please make sure these are suitable to do PE in as you will have a PE lesson that day



## Individual Photographs

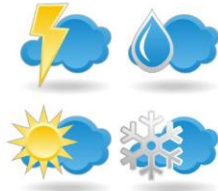
Individual Photographs were taken on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The children will come home next week with a proof card. This year all photographs will be able to be purchased online with the option to have them delivered to your home address or to the Academy.

There will still be a deadline and this will be stated on your child's proof card.



## Nursery

The Academy Nursery is committed to taking the children out in all weather. Could you please provide your child with a pair of Wellington Boots and a Puddle Suit that can be kept on site.



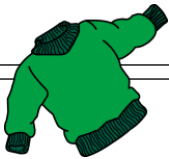
## Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to the Academy with their own named refillable water bottle



## Ventilation

Please note that we are required to keep windows open at this current time to ensure the rooms are well ventilated. We appreciate that there has been a drop in temperature, however please be reassured that the heating is on and the temperature of the classrooms is being monitored. Please make sure your children come into the Academy with a jumper or cardigan. You could consider your child wearing a vest or white t-shirt underneath your shirt.



## Wednesday Word

Please remember you can access this resource via the Catholic Life at Home tab on the website.

The Wednesday Word can be used to share the Sunday Gospel with your child at home. The publication suggests discussion points and activities, and serves as a link between parish, home and school.

## Rebuild and recover with Mentally Healthy Schools

Mentally Healthy Schools has created a set of resources to help make the transition back to school easier for everyone, and help the whole school community rebuild and recover. Please use the link below to access the resources which contain advice and guidance for parents, and simple activities for children to complete at home.

[https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/mental-health-needs/rebuild-and-recover-resources/?utm\\_source=DfE&utm\\_medium=bulletin&utm\\_campaign=rebuildrecover](https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/mental-health-needs/rebuild-and-recover-resources/?utm_source=DfE&utm_medium=bulletin&utm_campaign=rebuildrecover)

Please note also that the Anna Freud Centre (Schools in Mind) is continually updating resources to support schools, young people and parents at this time. You can access the information using the link below:

<https://www.annafreud.org/coronavirus-support/>

## Birthday Treats

Unfortunately at this time we are not accepting birthday sweets or treats to give out to the classes.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



## Communication

If you would like to speak to the class teacher please email or call the Academy office who will then make arrangements for this to take place as a phone call. We understand that you may have lots of questions at the gate, however we are trying to limit the amount of adult to adult contact to reduce the risk of transmission.

Many thanks.

# Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Events
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow for #Helloellow
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	INSET Day
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	INSET Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	Return to the Academy
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Flu Vaccinations
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of Autumn Term

## Schoolgateway

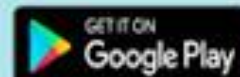
Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever

Think outside the ~~box~~ school gate



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