

# ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD CATHOLIC NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

### Covid-19 Update

As many of you are aware we have had a serious outbreak of Covid within the school over the last week. I always promise parents 100% transparency and can confirm that as of this morning we have had 29 confirmed cases in our immediate school community (staff and children). We have confirmed cases in Nursery, Reception Class, Year 1, Year 3, Year 2 and Year 6. Public Health England have declared this as an 'outbreak' and we have followed their guidance completely.

Can I ask parents to continue to lateral flow test children over the half term, and test them again on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, the day before we return from half term. Please also remember that if your child has a headache, sore throat, cough or temperature that you should book a PCR test straight away. If your child does test positive (even over half term) please let me know via Class Dojo, this will help me to monitor the situation before we return on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Due to the fast rising number cases of Covid within the school and following the advice of Public Health, breakfast and after school clubs will remain closed during the first week back after half term. I will monitor cases closely and if they decline I will consider opening both facilities on 8<sup>th</sup>

November. Please note that I will NOT open either facility if our covid cases do not reduce significantly, the health and safety of children and staff must come first and mixing children from different classes will put everybody at risk. I appreciate that this is inconvenient for a lot of parents and will open them as soon as it is safe to do so!

### Halloween

As it is Halloween next Sunday I am sure a lot of you will want to take children trick or treating.

Please remember that your child has been in school where there has been a significant covid outbreak, if they go trick or treating they are putting others at risk. I know I am being a 'party pooper' but there are vulnerable people in our community who have been shielding for over 18 months, I know you would be so upset if any of these people were impacted by the outbreak at our school, so please do consider this when making plans for next weekend.

### Half Term

Half term is now upon us and I think I can speak for all staff and children when I say that it is definitely a much needed break! Everybody has worked incredibly hard since the start of September and lots of progress has been made. I am hoping that our outbreak will be over when we return on 1<sup>st</sup> November and that our 'Christmas' half term can go ahead with lots of fun and celebrations to look forward to. Have a lovely week and we will see you when we return!