

Monday 1st November

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school, I do hope you had a restful and relaxing break.

After all this time I find it quite disheartening to once again be writing about COVID and while we have to aware of the number of cases please be assured we are working tirelessly to ensure our children are still accessing a full and vibrant school life.

Numbers of COVID in school and Trafford however mean we are not yet fully back to normal and there are a few procedures still in effect. We are planning to hold some type of Christmas activities, shows and fundraisers however class masses and assemblies are still on hold, probably until after the Christmas break. We are also planning to hold face to face parent's evenings the week beginning 15th November but all events are dependent on the local infection rates. We currently have a high number of cases in Year 4/5 and nearly thirty throughout school since September. Please be patient with us, we are trying our best and being led by local guidance.

Trafford will be issuing new guidance today and I will share as soon as it is available. Until then please continue with:

- Wearing a mask when on the school grounds
- Only one parent or carer should drop off or collect
- Dropping off children on time and at the correct entrance
- Ensuring all uniform has your child's name inside
- Keeping your distance in the playground and if collecting Years 2/3, 3 or 4 please stand well back

This half term we will hold our first PTA/Friends meeting for some time and I am suggesting we plan for a face to face meeting; we can meet in the hall and have coffee/tea. I am proposing we meet at 9am on Friday 12th November just after the school run. Historically we alter the times of meetings; sometimes in the school day, other times evenings. Moving forward this year we will meet as agreed with the majority. I hope to see you there to discuss fundraising ideas for the year ahead.

Whilst this terms events are limited compared to the 'normal' please see the school calendar for events this term. It will be constantly updated - <https://www.st-hughlincoln.trafford.sch.uk/calendar>

Today we welcome two new Teaching Assistants to our dedicated team; Mr Michael Kilroy and Miss Holly Stewart. I am sure you will join me in extending a very warm welcome to them.

Thank you as ever for your continued support in all we do and we look forward to an even more normal half term. Dinner money this term will be £88.80 or £12 per week.

Yours sincerely



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