

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope that you are well.

I am writing to let you know arrangements for the end of term.

Dates

School will close to children for the end of term at 3.15pm on Tuesday, 20th July.

School will re-open to children on Monday, 6th September.

We are waiting for COVID guidance for schools and I will write to you further when I have that, including to confirm arrangements for dropping off and picking up children.

Term dates for next school year are at <https://st-monicas.co.uk/information/term-dates/>

End of Term Arrangements

As COVID protocols will remain in place, please can we ask parents not to bring gifts in for staff at the end of term? This is similar to last Summer's arrangements.

If you wish to give your child's teacher a gift, please can you wait until next term when I trust we will be confirming that the COVID protocols have come to an end?

Oak Academy

I would recommend the use of the Government learning portal – Oak Academy – if you are interested in your children doing academic work over the Summer.

A link for it is <https://classroom.thenational.academy/summer-learning-support>

COVID symptoms and testing

There has been a sharp increase in COVID 19 in schools both locally and nationally in the last few weeks so I am writing to remind you of the procedures around this. I would ask that you are really vigilant on this for the remainder of the term as we are keen to avoid 'bubbles' of children needing to be sent home at short notice if possible.

If your child has been in contact with anybody showing symptoms of COVID who is having a test or has had a positive result, please do not send them into school before they have had a full PCR test.

Symptoms of Coronavirus

If you, your child or anybody you have close contact with has any of these 3 coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, get a full PCR test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed

You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site.

You can also order a test if you have been close contact with someone e.g. your child has tested positive.

If you have symptoms, you and everyone you live with must immediately self-isolate. Do not leave home until you get your test results except to post a test kit or for a PCR test appointment.

Booking a test

To book a test, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You can also call 119 on the phone between 7.00am and 11.00pm.

Contacting the School

We would ask you to contact the school twice if your child is having a test.

- 1. If your child is going to have a test**, please email us to let us know when they are having their test along with their name and class teacher's name at stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk
- 2. If your child has a positive test result**, please email stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk and let us have the following information as soon as possible with the name of any/each child tested positive:-
 - Date symptoms started
 - Last date in
 - Test date
 - Result date

That email address is monitored into the evenings so please do not worry about what time you email to that address.

If you have any questions on this, please call 01908 606966 during school hours or email stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Malley

Headteacher