

Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a lovely week in school. It was wonderful to see all the children back with us once again. It very quickly felt as if they had never been away.



We still need to be very careful and if any child shows symptoms of covid-19, you will be asked to collect your child and to seek a test. If your child has symptoms, please do not bring them to school, but keep them at home until they have had a test and you are able to advise us about the results. We understand that in most cases this test will be returned as negative, but I'm sure you understand, that we can't take risks.

Kind regards,

Mrs Byrne

HOME TESTING KITS

Households with children of school age (under 18's) can pick up home testing kits from their local PCR testing sites (symptomatic sites).

The tests will be LFD tests but are being distributed by the PCR sites. The PCR sites in Knowsley are in Huyton Car Park, Knowsley Community College Car Park in Kirkby and Stockbridge Village Car Park. These sites are not run by Knowsley LA.

The tests can be picked up from 1pm – 7pm - [Find a test centre \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://www.test-and-trace.nhs.uk) Households can use any of their local PCR sites on this map if they are closer than the Knowsley ones.

If households are unable to get to a test centre to pick up kits they can order them online - [Schools testing: Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk).

(Please note these are not available through school.)

NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If your child turns three before the 1st September 2021, they will be entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision. For working parents, your child may be entitled to 30 hours free provision.

Our nursery offers both 30 hour and 15 hour places.

We are receiving nursery applications now and places are limited.

If you would be interested in your child joining our nursery this year, applications are available in the foyer of school or email school and one can be sent to you.

Please speak to our office staff, who will be happy to help you.



ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH

Father Ian has confirmed that Church will re-open for mass on Thursday 4th March.

Masses will take place on Thursdays at 10.00a.m.
Saturdays at 5.30p.m. and Sundays at 10.00a.m.

Please follow this link for the parish newsletter

[School Jotter - Site \(schooljotter2.com\)](http://schooljotter2.com)

Baptisms are postponed until 17th May at the earliest. If you would like to start the process for having your child baptised please contact Fiona and Laura, our co-ordinators, by email: smmbaptisms@outlook.com



This Sunday, we celebrate the fourth Sunday in Lent. This is also known as **Laetare Sunday**. "Laetare" in Latin means, "rejoice!"

In the middle of the serious season of Lent, the Church invites us to rejoice: "Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her"

Today we hear about how much God loves the world and all the people in it. We hear the story of Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a pharisee who came to Jesus at night. He didn't want people to know. Jesus told Nicodemus that,

'God so loved the world He gave us His only Son.'

A Prayer to Share

Loving God, show us how to reach out to our family,
friends and neighbours to show them God's love.

Loving God, show us how to reach out to others
around the world in love and to support them to build a better future,
free from poverty. Amen.



HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums,
nannas and grandmas.

We hope you have a lovely day on Sunday and
are spoiled rotten by your lovely families.

LOCKDOWN EASING

AS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

STEP 1 8 March

29 March

EDUCATION

8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

SOCIAL CONTACT

8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

STEP 2 No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

EDUCATION

- As previous step

SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots