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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a really lovely Christmas break and that you and your families are safe and well. Firstly, a huge thank you, on behalf of all of the staff, for our wonderful cards and gifts we received for Christmas, it is very much appreciated.

During last term I spoke to groups of girls and boys from every year group to find out where in our school and playground they feel safe and if there is anywhere they feel unsafe. It was interesting and helpful to know this information and pleasing to hear that there are lots of places and things in place that make the children feel safe in school. However, there were some things highlighted that we can try to improve and following this discussion with children and then with staff we have decided to put some new rules/expectations in place that will be shared with the children today. These rules were devised with the house captains.

 **Playground Behaviour Expectations** 

- Be respectful of the rota and its designated areas.
- Equipment respected
- Kindness to all
- Instructions by adults always followed
- Never exclude anyone
- Do not bully

 **Toilet Behaviour Expectation** 

- Care for the environment
- Leave the toilet clean
- Eliminate graffiti
- Always wash your hands
- No littering in and around the toilet area
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- Stay silent lining up
- Awareness of others
- Flush sensibly
- Everyone stays clean and safe



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We have also been working on our behaviour in the corridors and we are encouraging children to be STARS:

Corridor and Stairs Behaviour Expectation

Safely. Walk left in the corridors and on the stairs.

Timely. Walk at a reasonable pace so time is not wasted.

Amiable. Be kind.

Respectfully. Use manners when holding the doors and when others hold doors for you.

Silently. Walk in silence.

Following lesson observations and discussions with teachers during the Advent term, the behaviour for learning is generally very good but we want it to be excellent and to help this we are asking all children at STM to follow our new attitude to learning of MORE and SHINE:

St Thomas More attitude to learning:

MORE

- Motivated
- Organised
- Ready to learn
- Expectations are high

To be ready to learn, children must remember:

SHINE

- Sit up straight
- Have a positive attitude
- Interact and listen to the teacher
- Never interrupt
- Eye contact

We also noticed that last term an increasing number of children were going to the toilet during lesson time, some several times a day. This not only results in missed learning time for the child, it is also disruptive for the rest of the class. I have reminded children that they should be going to the toilet before school and during the two breaktimes only. Obviously if there is a medical emergency, illness or with our younger children allowances will be made and the teacher will use their own judgement. I trust you will support us with this and remind your child about the expectations in school.



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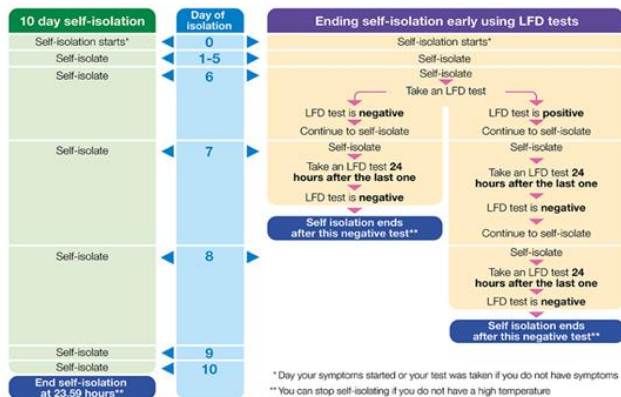
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Isolation rules

New isolation rules for those who test positive for Covid-19



Please continue to notify school using the testing@st-thomasmore.leicester.sch.uk email if your child is going for a test or has tested positive.

REMINDER: Attendance & time keeping

Children should be ready at the school gate through which they enter at their starting time. Children arriving more than ten minutes after their set starting time will be marked as late.

Year 6 - 8.30

Year 1 - Year 5 8.40

F2 - 8.50

Please do not book holidays or other events during school time.

If your child is poorly and cannot attend school you **MUST notify us by 9am**. You can do this by calling the school office 0116 2706365 and leaving a voicemail or speaking to Mrs Lunn or sending an email to office@st-thomasmore.leicester.sch.uk

REMINDER: Breaktime snacks

Children in Foundation 2 and Year 1 & 2 are all entitled to a free piece of fruit in school so there is no need for children to bring a snack into school.

Children in KS2 must only bring a piece of fruit for breaktime. Please do not send your child with cereal bars or other food for breaktime.

A polite reminder that water bottles should only contain water!

God bless,

Mrs Crosse



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