

2nd December 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

I wanted to write and thank you for your support and kindness after the sickness bug that has affected many families. It appears that we have not had any new cases this week and we have almost every child back in school today.

We have followed advice from Public Health and have kept our usual high standards of cleanliness. As no children were unwell in school this may have kept the bug at bay this week.

Following on from our Trust Lead's Covid Update to parents I wanted to update you with the situation at St Michael's.

Thankfully we currently do not have any Covid cases in staff or children. We are aware that across our other schools the number of cases are increasing rapidly and we are striving to keep us all safe in the run up to the end of term (we really do not want our families to have to isolate over the Christmas holidays).

We continue to use protective measures (that we have used all term) such as washing hands when the children come into school, before snack and lunch, and after using the toilet or any messy play. We clean the tables throughout the day and strive to keep the rooms well ventilated. However, as we have experienced with the spread of the sickness bug on Friday, even with these measures happening daily, a determined bug can spread quickly.

We would ask you to be mindful of other families at pick up and drop off and use the staggered times that we have in place (8.30-8.40 & 2.50-3.00) to reduce large gatherings. Please use the space for parents to wait at the top of the playground to give each other space rather than congregate at the entrance and wear masks where it is unavoidable to have close contact.

We had hoped to have parents joining us on the 14th December for the last hour, however with it being so close to breaking up for Christmas it wouldn't be sensible to have so many families mixing together. However, we will capture all the magic of Santa's visit and put on Tapestry and I am sure you will be able to look through the window at home time to spot the man in the red suit!

Thank you for all the Christmas tree decorations that we have received so far, they look wonderful on our tree with the paper chains that the children have made in school and the beautiful lights. Do have a look through the window when you are here to collect or drop off your child to see our first St Michael's Christmas tree!

Once again thank you for your continued support, we really feel blessed to have such supportive families.

Best Wishes

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