



THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
OF ST. SAVIOUR AND ST. MARY OVERIE

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Notices

We hope you all had a restful half term. It was good to welcome the children back to school on Monday.

In line with Government guidance **the school will remain open** during the period of new national restrictions that start tomorrow, Thursday 5th November. There will be no changes to the measures we have currently in school. See additional *COVID-19 Measures* document.

Coats

Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat everyday. Pupils go out to play at morning break and lunchtime each day, weather permitting.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

These will take place on Wednesday 11th November. Details on how to purchase photos will be sent out on the day of the photographs.

Support

We appreciate that it is a very challenging time for many families and would encourage anyone facing difficulties to get in touch with school. We can offer help and support as well as signpost you to relevant agencies if necessary.

If your family circumstances have changed and you think that you may be eligible for free school meals please contact the office.

New Parents

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, your child is due to start primary school in September 2021. For more information on applying for a place in Reception please visit the [Admissions page](#) of the school website.

As the school is not open to members of the public, staff and pupils made a video to give new parents a flavour of Cathedral School. This can be viewed on the Admissions page.

Symptoms of Covid-19

If your child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they should not come to school. You should inform the school and we will instruct you as to what to do next with regard to testing and self-isolation. If your child is confirmed as having contracted Covid-19 please let us know as soon as possible. If you receive test results over a weekend please email the school office school.admin@btconnect.com. The school email is checked regularly over the weekend; there is no need to wait until Monday morning.



Further Government Guidance

If the Government tell schools to go into lockdown due to coronavirus control measures, parents will be informed as soon as we find out. Teachers will resume the use of the home learning websites. They will use these to set work for their class in much the same way as they did while all schools were closed in March. However there will be the addition of Zoom lessons with a focus on developing writing. These will not be for a whole class at the same time, instead they will take place in small groups to enable teachers to interact with their group and give specific feedback to each child during the lesson. These will take place at least once per week. **This is just in case we are told to close. We have not received any guidance regarding impending school closures.**

If you know that your family would have difficulties accessing on line learning due to lack of devices at home or WIFI difficulties please contact the school office so that we can make sure we are able to support you should it be necessary for the children to be learning from home. For the Zoom lessons children will need to have sole access to a device for the duration of the lesson (at least 45 minutes).