

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### LENT



Well done to Year 1 for their moving and prayerful liturgy and well done to Year 5 for their Easter Service at Holy Angels church.

As we approach Holy Week, the children will be learning about the Stations of the Cross. A PowerPoint is attached so that you can support your child in learning about them.

### MASS TIMES

As a reminder, please see the Lenten masses at Holy Angels and St Vincent's:

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH

**Tuesday 4 April** 7:30pm Holy week service of prayer, music and reflection

**Maundy Thursday 6 April** No 12:15pm Mass

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching till midnight with night prayers till 11:45pm

**Good Friday 7 April** 9:30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

11:30am Children's Way of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:30pm Good Friday Prayers around the Cross – a special service of prayer, reflection and quiet time with Taizé music as we reflect on Christ's Passion and pray for peace.



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**Holy Saturday 8 April** 9:30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer  
  
No 12:15pm Mass  
  
8:15pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

**Easter Sunday 9 April** Masses at 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am  
  
Please note there will be no evening Mass

Confessions will be available at the following times: 11:15-11:45am on Tuesday 4, Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 April.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

**Maundy Thursday 6 April** 7pm Mass followed by watching until 10pm

**Good Friday 7 April** 10am Stations of the Cross  
  
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday 8 April** 8:15pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday 9 April** 8:30am Mass  
  
10:30am Mass

## ATTENDANCE



In addition to daily attendance monitoring, each half term we review the percentage of attendance for all children. It is vitally important that children attend school so that they keep up with their learning.

**Please note that holidays in term time are not permitted and cannot be recorded as an authorised absence from school.** If you are unsure of the term dates when making plans, please refer to the dates list on our website where you will find dates for this academic year and next academic year.

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/term-dates-school-day-attendance/6182>



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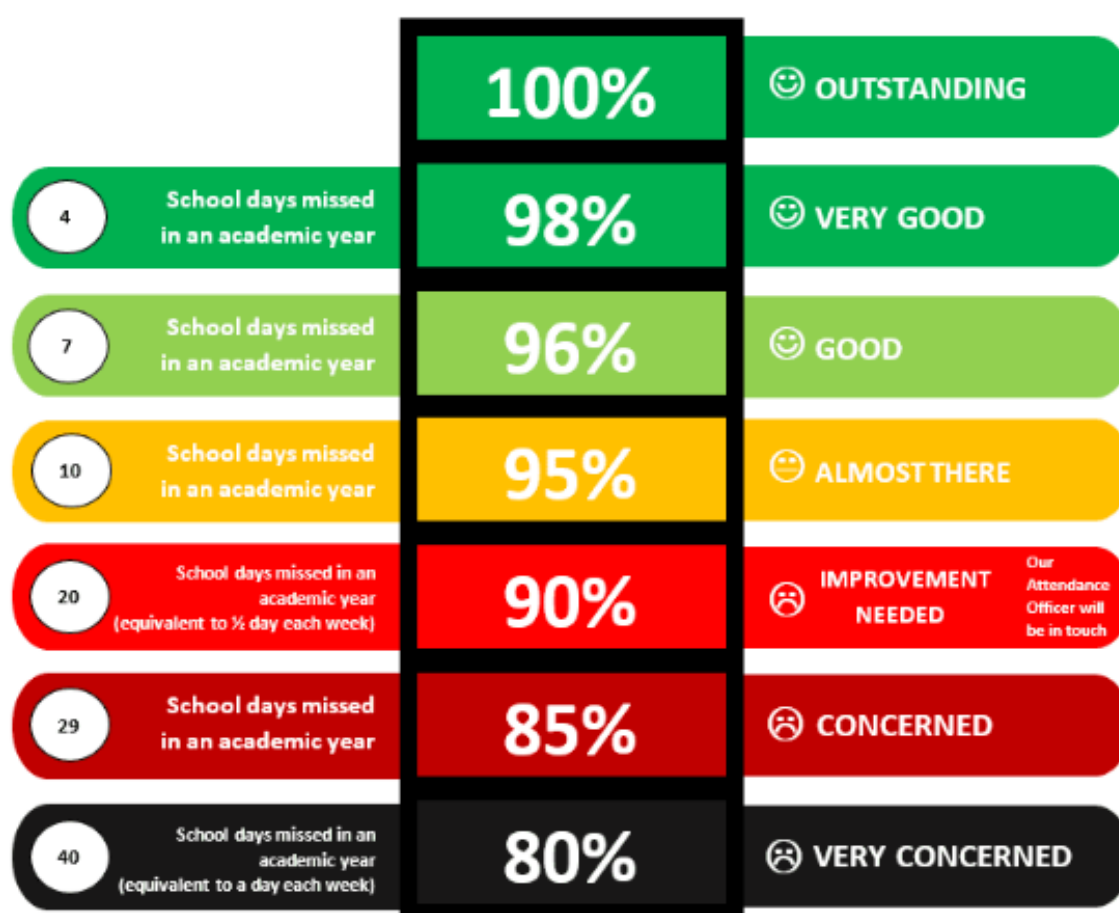
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Days off school affect attainment, achievement and friendships. A good level of attendance is 96% or above. Attendance below 96% is reviewed and attendance at 90% or below is classed by the government as persistent absenteeism. School will contact parents if your child's attendance falls to 90% or below.

As a guide, please see the percentages and the equivalent number of school days missed below. We want to work with you, so if you need help with attendance please get in touch by contacting [Admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:Admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) and Mrs Gee, Mrs E Sutton or SLT will liaise with you.



## ROUTINE APPOINTMENTS

We ask that all routine appointments for the dentist and opticians are taken outside of school time. It is important that children are present for the start and end of their lessons so that they have continuity of learning. Please produce an appointment card to admin staff for any non-routine specialist appointment.

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We monitor the attendance of all children and here are the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RMH	94.67%	2CG/EL	97.33%	4JM	97.67%
RLT	93.67%	2AB	98.00%	5JK	94.67%
RLD	98.33%	3ES	98.33%	5LM	99.67%
1LH	99.33%	3DMcD	96.80%	5CL	99.03%
1AMcC	99.33%	3CN/CR	96.33%	6NS	98.33%
1CR	94.33%	4FJ	97.33%	6DH	94.19%
2LC	94.67%	4HB	92.67%	6DK	90.00%
Overall percentage: 96.42%					

## CLEVER NEVER GOES



Next week we will teaching the children about a new safeguarding initiative called 'Clever Never Goes'.

The 'Clever Never Goes' programme has been developed with the police to replace the out-dated 'stranger danger' approach. Research shows that teaching children simply to avoid strangers fails to keep them safe. Strangers are often more likely to help a child than to harm them. Conversely, it can often be people known to children that pose the greatest threat.

'Clever Never Goes' moves the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (whether they are known to the child or not) is trying to persuade them to go with them. The safeguarding programme is designed to be fun and positive, whilst delivering a serious message, by giving children practical safety skills.



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In addition to the information your child will receive at school, you too can help your child to understand the Clever Never Goes message. You can download (free of charge) a Clever Never Goes home pack at the website [www.clevernevergoes.org/parents](http://www.clevernevergoes.org/parents). The home pack contains useful ideas for how to approach this topic with your children as well as games and activities. On the website, you will find a series of cartoon sketches to reinforce the Clever Never Goes message.

## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY



Trafford SEND department produce a termly newsletter giving useful information on a range topics. Please take a read to find out about local events and support for children and parents using this link. <https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/advice.page?id=XKuvOqhl8WU>

**SEND News** - Find out about the upcoming annual Trafford SEND Young People's Conference as well as the increases to Carer's Allowance and Universal Credit. Please note a venue change for SENSE short breaks over Easter.

**Advice and Guidance** - The latest news from Trafford SENDIASS and a new 6 week course written by autistic adults in equal partnership with autistic young people delivered by Spectrum Gaming

**Local Offer** - Read Nolan's latest update about his work as SEND Youth Voice Assistant, new page on the website about the Lived Experience Advisory Panels (LEAP) and upcoming Short Breaks offer pilots.

**Trafford Parents Forum** - The latest from Trafford Parents Forum and the Stronger Together Empowering Parents (STEP) programme including an upcoming listening session with social care and a Family Festival give away!

**Services** - New FREE music tuition for disabled and neurodivergent young people from Billy & Andy's Music School and Gorse Hill Studios' inclusive upcoming Easter Club.

**What's On** - Activities and events





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## SPORTS DAYS DATE CHANGE



Due to other events taking place on the school calendar in May, all sports days have now been rescheduled for July. The new dates are:

### INFANT SPORTS DAY: TUESDAY 4 JULY

9.30 – 11.30am Year 1 and 2

1.30 – 2.30pm Reception

### JUNIOR SPORTS DAY: WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

9.30 – 11.30am Year 5 and 6

1.30- 3.15pm Year 3 and 4

## ROAD CLOSURE

Stockport Road will be closed Monday 03 April and Tuesday 04 April from 8:00am-5:00pm. The highway department have advised the closure will likely be from the Oakfield Road side towards the leisure centre. Access to school can be made via the Woodlands Parkway side of Oakfield Road.

## EASTER FUN

Attached is information from [www.visitaltrincham.com](http://www.visitaltrincham.com) about activities on over Easter. Please take a read to join in the fun.

We break up on Tuesday 4 April and will welcome the children back on Monday 17 April. I hope you have a very enjoyable and peaceful Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

