

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### SELF-ISOLATION CHANGES

There will be some changes to self-isolation rules from Monday 17 January. People self-isolating with COVID-19 will be able to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature.

Children who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation.

### PARENT EMAIL SYSTEM

We aim to keep parents regularly informed about school events. Email is the main method of communication to parents. Over the next few weeks we will be changing the way we send emails to you. The only difference you should notice is that the emails will come from the following address **St Vincent's Catholic Primary School** <[3583332@simms-communications.co.uk](mailto:3583332@simms-communications.co.uk)>

It is vital that we have your correct email address so that you can receive important information. You can change or update your email address via the SIMS Parent Lite App, further information is below.

If you need to email the school please continue to use [admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) or for Covid related absence and reporting use [helpdesk@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:helpdesk@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)

### SIMS PARENT LITE APP

Please be reminded any changes to your personal data are to be actioned via your SIMS Parent Lite app. The SIMS parent app allows you to access, review and request changes to the data held on your children directly from your phone.

If you have not previously activated your account, please email the school office to request an activation email and then follow the guidance below:

To get started with the SIMS Parent app



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1. You will have been sent an activation email to your registered email address(es) from [noreply@sims.co.uk](mailto:noreply@sims.co.uk), then you simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account.
2. You can then login using your normal Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft username and password, or you will need to register.
3. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for SIMS Parent.
4. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at [www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk)

**Any change of details cannot be accepted by email. Please do not email the school for any change of contact details.**

*Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. If you require an additional login then please contact the school office. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used; please contact the office via [admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) if you require a replacement after this date.*

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Tuesday the School Council met remotely with Councillor Laurence Walsh, the Mayor of Trafford. He talked to the children about democracy and both local and national government matters. The junior leadership team prepared questions for him about his role and asked him his reasons for wanting to be involved in politics. The children also gave thoughtful answers to his questions. The Mayor is keen to visit us in person later on in the year, if possible.



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## SPORTS LEADERS

The Year 6 sports leaders visited Old Trafford Cricket Ground last half term to attend the Trafford Primary Leadership Academy Conference. This week they have received further training, which involved learning all about how to be an excellent sports leader. During the training, the children designed games and sporting activities, which they will be using during playtimes with children in key stage 1. Last term they also helped to support the 'Alti gives back' charity by collecting donated items on behalf of Altrincham FC.



## MINI VINNIES

The Mini Vinnies are busy organising a new initiative. It involves collecting empty, cut-open and washed crisp packets to support the 'Crisp Packet Project'. This fantastic, voluntary charity make survival items from recyclable plastic for the homeless and less fortunate people in our community. This is an entirely non-profit organisation. We are not encouraging the eating of crisps but we are encouraging recycling and helping the homeless. So, if you do have any used crisp packets, please send them in (washed and cut open) and they will be collected by the Mini Vinnies and made into sleeping bags and other crucial items for those of our less fortunate friends living on the streets.

<https://crisppacketproject.com/>

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

The termly curriculum newsletters are now on the website under [curriculum information](#). The newsletters detail the key aspects covered in each subject, enrichments and homework. Please follow the relevant year group for more information.



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## RE NEWSLETTER

The termly [RE newsletter](#) is now on the website under Catholic Life. The newsletter details key learning taking place this term.

## SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

The termly [Safeguarding newsletter](#) is now on the website. The newsletter details information on the topics of stranger danger and how to manage conflict.

## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL BRONZE AWARD

As you know, we have been working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award (UNICEF) and we are delighted to share with you that we have achieved the first step on this process and are now a **Bronze: Rights Committed** school. The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

This award acknowledges that our children enjoy the rights enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child. The children enjoy an environment where relationships are positive, founded on dignity and mutual respect for rights. The children are safe and protected, and know what to do if they need support. Our [action plan for silver](#) is on the school website and we will keep you informed of our progress.



## SEND DROP-IN

Does your child have additional needs? Do you want to have a chat about an aspect of your child's development? The next date for a SEND drop in is **Tuesday 18 January 1:30-3:00pm**. Mrs Tiernan (Infant department SENDCo) and Mrs Farrell (Junior department SENDCo) will be available to answer any questions you have. Please sign up to school cloud if you would like a slot. Please visit the school website to discover more about the [SEND local offer](#).





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## KEY DATES FOR SPRING 1

Thursday	20 January	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Y2 Mrs Dreniw's Class	Infant department hall class parents only
Thursday	20 January	Year 3 Parents' Information – Sacrament of Reconciliation	Recorded
Thursday	27 January	Sacrament of Reconciliation Y3 Mrs McDuff's class: 6.30pm	St. Vincent's Church
Thursday	27 January	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Y6 Miss Kirk's Class	Junior department hall class parents only
Thursday	03 February	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Y1 Mrs Wormald/Mrs Gerrard's Class	Infant department hall class parents only
Thursday	03 February	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Y3 Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings's class: 6.30pm	St. Vincent's church
Monday	07 February	Children's Mental Health Week	School activity
Tuesday	08 February	Safer Internet Day	School activity
Thursday	10 February	KS2 Class Assembly: Y4 Mrs Bullock's Class	Junior department hall class parents only
Friday	11 February	Parents' Reflection: 10am	Zoom
Friday	11 February	School closes for half term	

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Each week we report attendance. Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Mrs Lawrence and Year 1 Mr McCann 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Year 4 Mrs Bullock and Year 5 Mr Kerigan 100%
Overall school attendance	96.89%

\*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

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