



7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### COVID Update

The guidance has been updated again and moving forward in the absence of home COVID tests, unless your child has significant COVID symptoms and/or a high temperature they can come to school. If your child has a high temperature please keep them at home until it comes back down to normal. I hope that you are all able to enjoy a safe and COVID free Easter holidays. If you have a test and they test positive they cannot come to school for THREE days, if they are not symptomatic they can return otherwise wait until after all the symptoms have gone.

### Lent reflections

It has been an absolute joy and privilege to welcome so many parents/carers into school this week, your children are all shining stars. We all look forward to welcoming you back into school for many more wonderful celebratory occasions. It has felt really hopeful to have you all back in school again.

### Email contact

The school email address has changed, please now use [office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org](mailto:office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org)

### Cashless

As we have now moved into the Catholic Trust we are moving into becoming a cashless school. If you are able to pay online for school meals and trips etc then please contact the school office for details on how to register [office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org](mailto:office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org)

### Reports

All parents/carers should have received a copy of their child's report this week. If you have not then please contact school and a copy will be sent to you. Well done to everyone on such positive teacher comments.

### First Holy Communion

Please see updated letter about dates and times on the school website

### Children's behaviour outside school on the pavement pre 8:30am

It has been brought to my attention, that several of the UKS2 children were seen by parents throwing sticks onto Hillhead Road and playing 'dare' with the cars, this morning, before school. I have personally spoken to all 120 UKS2 children and reinforced the road safety message. Please could you emphasise to your children at home, that no child should play 'dare' with cars and no child should be throwing any items towards cars. I am really disappointed that children in our school uniform would do this, and I hope it was a one-off mistake not to be repeated.

### **Parking around school**

A number of the residents who live on the streets around school have contacted us to complain that parents/carers are parking in front of their houses and driveways and blocking them in. When residents have asked people to move cars to allow them to exit from their own driveway's parents have refused. A number of residents have now informed me that they are speaking to the police and taking photos to pass onto the police. Please help us to work with our local community and be considerate when collecting your children by car. There are two carparks eg. West Denton Community Centre carpark and the St John Vianney Church carpark which all families are encouraged to use.

### **Afterschool collection**

Please can children stand with their parent/carer when waiting to collect older siblings. Young children are running around staff cars parked in the carpark. I am concerned that children are starting to think that running around a carpark is a game and something which could be done outside of school. I am sure that none of you want your child running around public carparks as they could get hurt. Also, a number of staff cars have been scratched and marked by children playing with sticks and running around cars.

### **Good Friday Stations of the Cross at St John Vianney Church**

On Good Friday, 15th April, 11.00am the parish of St John Vianney will be holding 'Stations of The Cross for Children' in St. John Vianney Church. In the past these have been very well attended, and I know that Father Martin would be delighted if as many of our families could attend as possible, this year. It lasts for about thirty-five minutes, and is followed by light refreshments in hall for the children.

### **Easter Masses & Services**

- Holy Thursday- Mass of The Lord's Supper- St. Cuthbert's Throckley 7pm
- Good Friday - Stations at St. Cuthbert's 10am, Children's Stations of The Cross at St. John Vianney at 11am.
- Solemn Passion of Our Lord 3pm at St. John Vianney, 7pm Good Friday Stations
- Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 6.30pm St. John Vianney
- Easter Sunday- Normal Mass times.

### **Wednesday / Sunday coffee at st John Vianney Parish Church**

The resumption of the Wednesday coffee in the hall is now up and running at St John Vianney. Father Martin and the parish, thank all those who cleaned the hall and prepared it. The parish of St Cuthbert's are hoping to resume Sunday tea / coffee at St. Cuthbert's, Sunday 20th March after 9.30am Mass, and on Sunday 10th April, (Palm Sunday) at St. John Vianney. We need more helpers to assist with this at both St. John Vianney and St Cuthbert, please sign the volunteer list in the hall if you can help out.

As always, we continue to keep all of our families and school community in our thoughts and prayers. Governors, staff and I would like to all join together to wish you a peaceful and holy Easter, we hope that you are all able to enjoy some special time with your families.

Best wishes,

*A D Thorpe*

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