

St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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"St Mary's is a good school" - Ofsted July 2016

Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Covid-19 School Update

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us, we value all of your feedback. It has been another successful week as the children settle into their learning and the school routines become established.

We are aware that over 10 schools in Lewisham have had cases of children or staff testing positive for Covid-19. This has resulted in groups of children being sent home and in some cases, whole schools being closed. We have been working in partnership with the Local Authority who have identified 'Social Spreading' as one of the key factors in the spread of Coronavirus locally.

Given the National and local increase in infections and following Wednesday's risk assessment review, we are keen to learn from these incidents and we will continue to reflect on our own practice. Therefore, we would like to share the following updated guidance with you:-

- School staff will wear a face covering when greeting parents during the beginning and end of the day
- Parents are encouraged to also wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting their children
- Parents are reminded to socially distance when dropping off and collecting their children – *'thank you for continuing to use the footprints outside the school gates'*
- Parents are encouraged to avoid their children mixing with multiple children from different households e.g. children's parties

Flu Vaccination

Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust have asked the school to distribute information packs regarding the offer of a flu vaccination to be administered on **TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2020** in school. The vaccination will be given as a nasal spray. You will find a copy of this information pack in your child's bag. If you would like your child to receive this vaccination, please return the fully completed consent form to the school office by **THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2020**. I would like to reassure you that no child will be given a vaccination in school unless the consent form has been fully completed.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to work in partnership to make our school community as safe as it can be for our children.

Yours sincerely

Christine Bernard
Headteacher