

# Newsletter

## St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

### Start and End of day

Thank you for the calmness and good natured way all our parents are coping with the current changes to our school day. A gentle reminder about the need to avoid clustering at the school gates or blocking people passing by. We're all getting used to new systems but do remember to social distance when we can and maintain 2 metres distance where possible.

Bikes and trikes– make sure children do not ride these within the school grounds.

Pick up and go– We all love to catch up with our friends but please do exit the playgrounds as soon as you have picked up your children.

### **Attendance and Staying Open**

Well done on achieving a 94% attendance rate over the past few weeks. While still slightly below our usual attendance rate, this is very strong in light of the current challenges we face as a community. We pray our school stays covid -free.

The challenges schools face to remain open was spelt out this week by Dominic Herrington, the national schools commissioner. He has issued a stark warning that, "opening, reopening, closing and partially closing" would "become a way of life" (for schools) and said the need to send bubbles or whole year groups home would become "more prevalent".

Please do note that should a year group be sent home to self-isolate we do have plans to continue children's education remotely, as we did during the summer lockdown.

You can read our **Contingency plan** on the school website in the **School Covid 19 Measures / Parent Info tab**.



### **Wednesday Word**

As the Wednesday Word newsletter is not available at present as a hard copy, we will be sending parents a link to the latest online version each Wednesday.

Enjoy preparing for the Gospel readings with your children each week.

### Meet the Teacher Video

**Please check out your child's class teacher's video which is available to view on the class this weekend.**

Class teachers will discuss general matters relating to the new school year, daily, weekly routines and curriculum matters.

### **REMINDER**

**Dickinson's lane is now a School Street** and so subject to vehicle restrictions. If you drive up here at start of school or end of school day, you do risk being caught on camera and fined.

### **Wednesday 7th October**

Photographer in School for individual pupil photos. This year we cannot offer family groups so only siblings presently in school will be included.



### ADMISSIONS

### Information Meeting for Reception intake September 2021

## CANCELLATION

The meeting scheduled at St Thomas Becket school on **Thursday 22nd October at 7.00pm** for those wishing to apply for a place for their child in Reception Class starting in September 2021 has been **cancelled**.

All Admissions information will now be provided on our school website:

[www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk)  
Admissions area (under the tab **ABOUT US**)

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.