

## St Hugh of Lincoln RC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Head Teacher: Mr M. Mountcastle

## **COVID & Isolation**

You will have seen that national guidance has changed regarding isolation around positive COVID cases in line with the 'Living with Covid-19' Plan. Whilst there is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. The guidance states:

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test for 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests' results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.'

In light of this we have updated our guidance. Self-Isolation is still required in school following a positive Covid-19 test.

In line with the Government and NHS recommendations our school policy is that students and staff who test positive for Covid-19 must not attend school for a minimum of 5 days. They should remain at home and they should self-isolate. We ask parents and carers to inform us if their child tests positive for Covid-19.

Covid-19 has not gone away and we still need to be vigilant regarding the symptoms. If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they must begin self-isolating and get a test as per Government guidelines. This is an infectious disease and we will continue to treat it as so, as we would with other illnesses, eg vomiting and diarrhoea etc. The health and safety of everyone on site remains our highest priority and I look forward to your support.

## **Fundraising**

Thank you so much for your generosity on 'Twosday,' we raised over £500, an amazing amount. This week to help us celebrate World Book Day we are having a sponsored read, please support us with this, the money raised will help us buy new books and reading stock. Thursday is World Book Day and we are using 'The Invisible' as our inspiration. It is a fabulous book that contains powerful messages about child poverty and we are all dressing as brightly as possible, so that we can all 'be seen!' The author was that impressed with our idea he will be meeting the children (virtually) on Tuesday.

Next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March will be our next fundraiser, a cabaret evening hosted by our now world famous past pupil, Sam Williams! Tickets are £5 and available from the school office or in the playground this week.

## Mrs Doyle

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Doyle will leave school to take up a new post nearer to her home. Gill has worked in the school office for 15 years and we are all very grateful for all her hard work and dedication over the years. We wish her much happiness and luck in her new position.

Yours sincerely

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