



ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Thursday 21st October

Harvest Festival

This morning's Harvest Festival went very well. The children enjoyed performing and hopefully those of you who were in the congregation did as well. Although we would have liked more people, children and adults, to be there, I'm sure you appreciate the reasons why it was limited to families of classes 1 and 2.

All of your kind donations will be forwarded to the Ludlow Food Bank.



Covid Testing

Please remain vigilant during the half term holidays and don't forget to test children just before they return to school please.

Have a relaxing and safe half term

Mr Matthews

Please don't forget to make your pantomime payment if your child would like to attend, as we need to confirm numbers with the Courtyard after half term. Children who do not wish to attend the Pantomime are still expected in school

Football Tournament at Ludlow FC

A group of our older pupils competed in a football tournament on Wednesday. George, Riley H, Jimmy, Riley J, Oscar, Jacob and Pip played with real determination and team spirit. They scored a total of 24 goals in their 4 matches. They only conceded 1 goal.

The scores were as follows:

St. Laurence's 2-0 Ludlow A (George x2)

St. Laurence's 3-0 Tenbury A (George x2, Oscar x1)

St. Laurence's 8-0 Ludlow B (Riley H x1, George x5, Oscar x 2)

St. Laurence's 11-1 Tenbury B (Pip x1, George x6, Riley H x1, Oscar x1, Jimmy x1, Riley J x1)

St. Laurence's school will now represent South Shropshire in the next stage of Shrewsbury Town Football Club's competition. More news to follow. It was lovely to see us playing well as a team and encouraging each other. Well done children.

Mr Tisdale



Friday 22nd Oct. is a PD day. Half term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th October

Final Reminder

Transfer to Secondary School 2021

All Year 6 pupils should have brought home a letter recently regarding their transfer to secondary school next year. Once applications have been made please could you let the office know. The deadline for secondary is **31st October 2021**

Survey Monkey

We will have a survey online from **Monday 1st November** that we would like parents to complete, this can be found via our school website or school app. Thank you for your time.



Courtesy Cup Winner

Well done to Josh Martin



Parking in Jockeyfield

Please could we respectfully ask that parents **do not park** in Jockeyfield or Teme Avenue when dropping off or collecting children - it is essentially parking for **residents only**. We have had several complaints recently of parents parking across residents driveways, blocking access and parking in disabled bays. Residents are within their rights to contact the local police.

You are able to park on Old Street for a limited time and the Youth centre car park, however you can also use the Smithfield car park.

P.E. –Extra layers!

A reminder for children –now that the weather is getting colder please make sure you have extra layers for PE when it is outside. Dark tracksuits are advisable for the winter months.

Year 4 will start swimming next half term every afternoon from Thursday 4th November

Diary Dates

October

22nd

PD day – school closed

25th - 29th

Half term

November

2nd

Parents evening telephone consultation – Year 1 & Year 2

3rd

Parents evening telephone consultation – Year 1 & Year 2

10th

CANCELLED - Year 5 class assembly

17th

CANCELLED - Year 3 class assembly

19th

Children in Need – Details to be confirmed

December

9th

Whole school Pantomime – Year 1 – Year 6 - Jack & the Beanstalk

9th

Reception class Pantomime – Snow Queen

10th

Christmas Jumper Day - £1

14th

School Christmas Lunch – ***please book online by 26th November***

Christmas Carol Concert – TBC





Thursday 11th November



**Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 14th December**

Please book online by
Friday November 26th



RE: Step-up Measures in response to education settings meeting DfE threshold for additional interventions (Short-term)

7 October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to make you aware of additional interventions that may be considered by your child's education setting (step up measures) in response to meeting the DfE threshold for current cases of COVID-19 as outlined in the contingency framework. In outbreaks where the DfE threshold has been reached the following contingency measures may be introduced **short-term based on a local risk assessment**.

These measures will be considered as part of a local response in consultation with the local authority health protection team and this is supported by the DfE contingency framework.

Individual education settings all have a contingency plan in place for when they have met the DfE threshold for cases and they may include some or all the following measures:

PCR Testing

Household contacts of a confirmed case (PCR positive) should have a PCR test even if they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. As part of the local response, household contacts **who are pupils** may be advised to remain at home unless they have a negative PCR result reported. This means that pupils who have a household contact who is a confirmed case (PCR positive) may be advised by the education setting to take a PCR test and not attend the setting while they are waiting on the result. If the PCR result is negative, then pupils would be recommended to have a further PCR test 4 or 5 days after the first PCR as a precaution. If their first PCR was negative, they would be advised to continue to attend the setting while they are waiting on their second PCR result unless they develop any of the **3 main symptoms of COVID-19**.

The **3 main symptoms** of COVID-19 are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste / smell

Everyone who is a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (PCR positive) in the school setting is recommended to have a PCR test. If the pupil is not a household contact, they can continue to go about their routine activities when waiting on their PCR result and can continue to attend the education setting unless they have any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19.

It is also recommended that they have a further PCR 4 or 5 days after the first PCR. The PCR should not be repeated at more frequent intervals unless the close contact develops symptoms. Anyone who has had a positive PCR in the past 90 days should not be retested unless they have new symptoms of COVID-19.

Those infected with COVID-19 especially children, do not always show the typical COVID symptoms listed above. Anyone with any of the following **precautionary symptoms** associated with COVID-19 are recommended to have a PCR test but may continue to attend the setting while they are waiting on their results. Precautionary symptoms may include:

- Headaches
- Aches & pains
- Feeling tired without any good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy ache in children

These symptoms can be experienced by someone with a different illness other than COVID-19, and you should consider contacting 111 for medical advice if required.

Twice weekly LFD testing of all pupils from Year 7 upwards and staff in all education settings is recommended, unless the person has symptoms of COVID-19 / has tested PCR positive in the past 90 days. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should have a PCR test and **not an LFD test.**

What to expect if there is an outbreak in your child's education setting

Education settings are no longer required to identify close contacts of COVID-19 in their setting. If there is a confirmed case in the setting, they will send you a "warn and inform" letter to let you know that this is the case. Pupils who have mixed closely with the confirmed case e.g. same class / group of friends (if known) will be advised to have a PCR test if they have not already had one in the previous 4/5 days nor tested PCR positive in the previous 90 days. If there is a large outbreak the school will **not** be expected to notify you every time another confirmed case is reported. They will, however, provide general updates on the progress of the outbreak.

Temporary control measures that may be considered in your child's education setting when they have an outbreak and where continued transmission within the setting is likely to be happening (DfE threshold has been reached). These are referred to as step up measures and include the following actions:

- Reducing mixing between year groups / classes
- Introducing the use of face coverings in classrooms and communal areas for anyone age 11 and over, if appropriate
- Cancelling large school gatherings e.g., assemblies, open evenings, scheduled sports events, residential school trips and school staff meetings. This will be based on a risk assessment discussed with the local authority health protection cell.



- Moving to on-line learning if case numbers are high and / if there are staffing issues (again, following a discussion with the local authority).

In accordance with the DfE contingency framework Step up measures will be introduced for as short a period as possible to be effective and will be reviewed every 14 days to determine whether or not they are still required or can be stepped down.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Robinson".


Rachel Robinson
Director of Public Health [Shropshire](#)



Community Christmas Card Competition

Draw, paint or design an image of
'Santa's Workshop'

A selection of winning entries will be copied
and put into festive Goodie Bags for our
Senior Citizen's in Ludlow; to bring them
festive cheer



*Top three winning
entries to receive Goodie
Bags*

Winning cards
will be
advertised on
the Town
Council's
website and
Social Media
pages

CLOSING DATE 4.30pm – FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2021

Entries to be delivered to the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow.

Entries should be on an A4 sheet of paper with name age and school on
the reverse.





SOCCER SCHOOLS & MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

**MONDAY 25TH - THURSDAY 28TH
OCTOBER 2021**

9:00AM - 3:00PM

TAKING PLACE IN SHREWSBURY & LUDLOW

.....
**2 x FREE TICKETS TO
SHREWSBURY TOWN vs ROTHERHAM**

ON SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND ALL 4 DAYS.



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