

# **Saint Gabriel's Catholic Primary School**

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Dear Parents

## **Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Congratulations to all those children who made their First Holy Communion, last Saturday. Well done to all the parents for the beautiful atmosphere created in the Sacred Heart Church.

Special thanks to Miss Caswell for her work in organising.

Thanks to Mrs Brown, Mrs Buckroyd, Mr Fowler, Mrs Townsley, Mrs Coakley, Miss Gamon, Mrs Hughes, Miss Cunningham, Mrs Taggart and Mr Bright for support on the day.

Families are encouraged to continue practice and involvement in your parish. Be aware of what is going on by looking at [www.tamworthrc.church](http://www.tamworthrc.church) or searching "Catholic Tamworth."

## **Don't Give Up Now**

*Staffordshire County Council have launched a "Don't Give Up Now" campaign. We are all asked to keep following the guidelines, get tested twice a week and to book a vaccination when we're offered one.*

**IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER TAKE A TEST AS A RESULT OF COVID SYMPTOMS, WHICH ARE:**

- A HIGH TEMPERATURE (FEVER) - HOT TO TOUCH
- A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
- A CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

**YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE AND STAY AT HOME, AS A HOUSEHOLD, UNTIL YOU RECEIVE YOUR RESULTS.**

**PLEASE NOTIFY SCHOOL (USING THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW) OF YOUR RESULTS, EITHER WAY, TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF OTHERS IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**

**[confirmedcovidcase@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:confirmedcovidcase@st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk)**

*Thank you to all these parents who have continued to inform and communicate with us via this e-mail.*

**KEY INFECTION AND PREVENTION CONTROLS REMAIN IN PLACE** as published in the "daily plan". By following these measures we all reduce risks in our setting and create a safer environment.



SCHOOL  
MEMBER

Headteacher: Mr J P Hayes BEd Hons NPQH  
Deputy Headteacher: Mr W Bright BA PGCE

We **MUST** always:

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
3. Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
4. Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
5. Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents.
6. Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
7. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
8. Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
9. Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.
10. Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
11. Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
12. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

### **Tempest Photography Individual Photographs - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021, to take the individual photographs for school and pre-school.

Unfortunately, due to current guidelines, they will not be able to take any sibling, family or friendship group photographs.

Thank you.

### **Message from Mrs McAusland (year 3's ukelele teacher)**

I just wanted to let you know about FREE music workshops led by Entrust staff (including me) that some of you may wish to attend in July. Rehearsals will then be fortnightly Saturday mornings from September.

We are able to open the Tamworth Music Centre groups again soon and we are starting with a couple of workshops in July. These are FREE of charge to pupils and there will be a Ukulele Ensemble on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July taking place at Landau Forte - QEMS Sixth Form. Any Year 3's who are enjoying playing their instruments (or anybody else) would be welcome to attend. There is also a Training String Orchestra, Training Wind Band and a Junior Choir which might appeal to students in other year groups too.

It would help to inform our planning if you could email me [alison.mcausland@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:alison.mcausland@entrust-ed.co.uk) to confirm attendance and which ensemble(s) you wish to join.

Thanks, Mrs McAusland

Mrs Taggart adds: If you'd like any further information about Tamworth Music Centre activities, please feel free to ask me for more details, although, please note, I will not be attending the workshops and there will be no St Gabriel's staff there. The workshop is totally optional and it will your own family decision as to whether or not your child attends.

### **DEFERRED INSET DAY**

The school cancelled the Inset day which was to be taken on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in order to stay open for key worker and vulnerable children.

In line with government guidance, I have consulted with the chair of governors and have identified when this day will now be taken.

This teacher training day will now be taken on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**. The final day for pupils will therefore be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **Collection at end of day**

All parents and carers are reminded - wait patiently as children are dismissed. We can only send one child at a time, while the teacher records the adult collecting.

Please be clear that this is to satisfy safeguarding requirements and to ensure ALL children go home safely. Thank you

### **The Big Ask - Get your child's voice heard and make a difference**

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives.

It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.



At its heart is 'The Big Ask' - the largest ever consultation held with children.

In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children what they think is important for their future and what is holding them back. The Children's Commissioner will use the results to show the Government what children think and what they need to live happier lives.

Taking part in the survey is optional and children do not need to answer the questions if they don't want to.

Children in Years 2 - 6 can complete the survey via

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

For younger children in years R and 1 (aged 4-5) there is [a survey which they can complete with their parent](#).

It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

[Find out more and take part](#)

### **Message from the Kitchen**

The school lunch menu for the week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 is as follows:

<b>Monday:</b>	Pizza, Pasta and Sweetcorn
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Chicken in a Bun with Potato Wedges
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Roast Dinner
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jackets with Cheese/Beans
<b>Friday:</b>	Fish Fingers and Chips

**The Heart of Tamworth Community Shop as seen at [www.tamworthrc.church](http://www.tamworthrc.church)**

Visit the HOT COMMUNITY SHOP based at sacred heart church for your shopping. They are there to give a helping hand to those who need it.

**1 bag of shopping = £4**

**2 bags of shopping = £7**

A selection of fruit and veg is available free when you buy your bag.

Opening times: Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm, Sunday - closed. Thank you to all those who continue to donate food and hygiene items.

**Citizens Advice Mid Mercia - EU Settlement Scheme**

Citizen's Advice Mid Mercia are working alongside the Government in order to reach out to all of the families in Tamworth and East Staffordshire to support them with their EU Settled Status. The Government has recognised that not all families are aware that they need to ensure they have been granted settled or pre-settled status by the end of June 2021.

**Sunday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, is the day we remember Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers the apostles.**

**"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."**

**Dates for your Diary**

Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	School closes for half term
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Tempest Photography in school for individual photos
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	<b>INSET DAY – School closed to pupils</b>
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 to	Parish Mission – The theme will be "My Light and My Hope"
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Please keep the dates in your diary. Themed events, retreat days, Interesting activities all at the Sacred Heart and run by Sion
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Sacrament of Confirmation – Mr Fowler's class bubble 7.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	Sacrament of Confirmation – Mrs Taggart's class bubble 7.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Last day for pupils
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	<b>INSET DAY – School closed to pupils</b>

God Bless

Yours sincerely



John P Hayes  
Headteacher