



HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Birmingham City Council - Public Question and Answer sessions regarding COVID-19 vaccination

We have been asked by Birmingham City Council to share the information below about Question and Answer sessions with parents:

The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine is our best defence against the virus. The vaccine is highly effective and it is currently being rolled out across Birmingham to priority groups. Throughout February 2021 there will be five online Q&A sessions which will allow the public to ask any questions they may have about the vaccination. On the panel will be the Birmingham & Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, local representatives and Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care.

It is strongly recommended that people attend the session that is relevant to where they live, as some of the information in the webinar will be localised:

4th February at 6pm-7.30pm. North Birmingham <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138628992047>

9th February at 6pm-7.30pm. South Birmingham <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138644995915>

11th February at 6pm-7.30pm. East Birmingham <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138644995915>

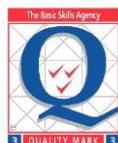
24th February at 6pm-7.30pm. West Birmingham <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138645314869>

25th February at 6pm-7.30pm. Central Birmingham <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/138645491397>

Half Term

Track and Trace Schools will continue to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils and staff over half term. Where pupils or staff attending the school test positive for Covid 19 during the half term holiday, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school (that is after 3pm on Sunday 14th February 2021) school will not be required to take any action. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions as provided by NHS. However, where pupils attending the school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is before 3pm on Sunday 14th February), the school is involved as usual in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation.

So please continue to use the confirmed Covid test address at covid@holysoul.bham.sch.uk to advise us of tests taken and results received. This is crucial in keeping everyone safe. Thank you.



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Parents/Carers Mask Wearing

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have been continuing to wear a mask. This is to protect yourselves and to protect others. Thank you.

School closure procedure due to bad weather

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message and email will be sent to all parents. We will also announce it on Twitter and the school website.

Mental Health Week

My thanks to Miss S Wood for organising and leading on the events held this week. It is so important that we support and take care of each other and know especially at this time it is important to talk about how we are feeling.

Remote Learning

Thank you, again, for your engagement and patience. We have enjoyed your messages of gratitude and encouragement. The switch to Remote Learning can bring a number of frustrations and challenges – especially at this early stage – as well as new opportunities and different ways to learn. As approaches and ways of working change, we will continue to update you.

Please also be aware that planned learning opportunities may have to change, at short notice, i.e. where staff are called away for testing or for isolation reasons. Please also note that teaching staff are available within working hours (9.00am until 4.30pm). We thank you in understanding to only expect communications within these times.

Please see this week's Remote Learning Newsletter for some important updates.

Can we help?

Any parent finding themselves struggling or in great difficulty with housing or finance, please approach us, in confidence. We may not have the answers but we may be able to signpost or help.



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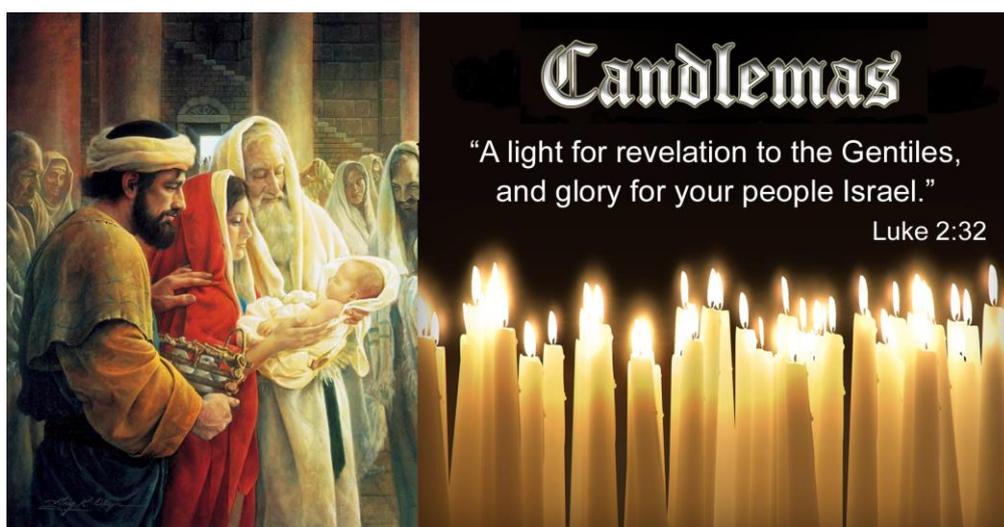
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This week we celebrated the wonderful **Feast of Candlemas**. In Mass on Tuesday Father Jonathan shared that on this feast day, we remember the occasion forty days after Jesus was born when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to 'present him' before God (Luke 2.22-40). St. Luke tells us that, after Mary and Joseph had done all that was necessary under the Law of Moses, two faithful people, Simeon and Anna, gave testimony as to who this child really was. Simeon said that **Jesus would be 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel'**. We hope you enjoyed gathering your candles for Father Jonathan to bless and let us pray for the light of Christ to shine brightly in our world.



God bless and take care.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Girling



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