



## St Patrick's update 14.12.2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

It sometimes feels like the Covid rollercoaster never ends! We are almost at Christmas so hopefully everyone keeps safe and well until Santa arrives!

### **Covid update**

The current Covid measures in school remain the same and we are ensuring hand washing, distancing and staff mask wearing are continuing. We will update you as soon as possible should North Lanarkshire advise us of any changes.

Government guidance has been updated regarding self-isolating so please ensure you follow this <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

*'The rules on self-isolation for household contacts has changed.*

*If you're identified as a household contact of a positive COVID-19 case, you are advised to self-isolate for 10 days - irrespective of vaccination status, PCR test result and age.*

*If you think you have COVID-19 symptoms you should self-isolate immediately and take a PCR test.*

*If you don't have symptoms, make sure you do a lateral flow test before you meet up with other households, travel to see people, or visit busy places. You can get them from test sites, pharmacies or online.'*

### **Pupils isolating**

We will be in touch with our digital offer should your child be required to self-isolate or they have Covid but have no symptoms.

### **Online learning**

At the beginning of term children were issued with their logins for Reading Eggs/Express, Sumdog, Big maths, Teams and Glow. Please make sure your child knows them. There is also guidance of how to access all online learning in the information section on our school app.

If a whole class is required to isolate the class teacher will assume responsibility for the digital learning with learning that meets your child's needs as best we can and with the class teacher being online for support and regular check ins.

### **Collecting and Drop off at school**

This has not changed but please ensure you stick to:

- One adult collecting/dropping off your child/ren
- Adults should wear a face mask (unless exempt)
- Keep 2m distance from other adults in the infant collection and drop off area
- Keep your child beside you, to ensure any vulnerable adults are not bumped into or put at risk.

### **Primary 1 enrolment**

Can you please spread the word that the P1 enrolment forms are available on the council's website <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/primary-school-registration-p1>

Registration should be completed by the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 , this applies to all NLC schools so please let anyone with a wee one due to start know.

### **Nursery enrolment**

Information is also available on the council's website

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/early-learning-and-childcare/early-learning-and-childcare-applications>

### **Christmas Parties**

Christmas parties are happening this week. Please be assured that we are following guidance and our risk assessments ensure these can take place safely and in line with our current guidance.

### **NLC Financial Inclusion Team**

Christmas and Covid can put a massive strain on family finances, this is a great service provided by NLC and it's free of charge. You can get in touch with the team by emailing them at [fit@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:fit@northlan.gov.uk) or by calling us on 01698 332551.

### **Christmas Holidays**

We finish up on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm.

### **Christmas at St Patrick's Parish**

There are so many things going on right now that distract and disturb us. For some peace and quiet reflection remember our parish is open for prayer and there are a number of services of over the holiday. Check out the parish website <https://www.saintpatrickskilsyth.com>

### **Christmas Nativity**

I'm amazed at how quickly staff pulled together to produce this year's Nativity. A huge thank you to the team and to Mrs Kerr of organising the editing, Oscars here we come!

### **And finally...**

It's also worth remembering that children rarely remember the presents they they've received over the years but can tell you tiny details about family events, bedtime stories, playing with their parents and happy times at Christmas. So, if you can take a step back, thank God for your amazing children and make some happy memories; it's always possible even on the darkest of days.

I'd like to thank the fantastic staff team who are truly committed to our children at St Patrick's and from all of us here have a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas

Happy Christmas and God bless,

Marie Murphy  
Head Teacher and friend of Santa ☺

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