



# Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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## VIRTUES OF THE HALF TERM

Curious about everything; and active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.



A fantastic week here at Guardian Angels! One of our highlights was welcoming our new EYFS children to school for their settling in sessions. For some, this was their first ever time at Guardian Angels School. Well done to the children for being so brave (And the parents too!) A big thank you to our EYFS and site team for getting our learning environment ready for our children.

**Pupil Voice:** This week, a number of pupils have been elected for different jobs throughout the school. Please ask your child who their class representatives are for these different areas: School Council, Liturgy Leaders, Eco Council, Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors, House Captains and Vice Captains.

**School Meals:** We are excited to announce that it is our aim to offer hot school meals to every class from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Please speak to the school office on 0121 747 2782 if you wish to change meal choices.

**COVID19 and Testing:** If your child is displaying one of the COVID19 symptoms, they will not be able to attend school for at least 10 days unless they have a NEGATIVE test result. To book a test, click here <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119. We are aware and understand that the testing availability is extremely limited at this time. For pupils who are isolating at home, schoolwork is available on the HOME LEARNING tab of the school website.

Thank you to all of our children parents and staff who are abiding by the new COVID 19 rules and safety measures. We know that they may cause some inconvenience but **our aim is to keep our school open for as many pupils as possible** by preventing the spread of infection.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>New EYFS Parent Meetings in the Hall (9.15, 10.30 or 1.30- Please only attend your allocated time slot)</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>School closes for half term</b>
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Deadline for Secondary School Applications (Year 6 Only)</b>

## This Weeks Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?"

"No, not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven, because the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who decided to check on his servants' accounts. He had just begun to do so when one of them was brought in who owed him millions of pounds. The servant did not have enough to pay his debt, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his wife and his children and all that he had, in order to pay the debt. The servant fell on his knees before the king. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay you everything!' The king felt sorry for him, so he forgave him the debt and let him go. "Then the man went out and met one of his fellow servants who owed him a few pounds. He grabbed him and started choking him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he said. His fellow-servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!' But he refused; instead, he had him thrown into jail until he should pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were very upset and went to the king and told him everything. So he called the servant in. 'You worthless slave!' he said. 'I forgave you the whole amount you owed me, just because you asked me to. You should have had mercy on your fellow-servant, just as I had mercy on you.' The king was very angry, and he sent the servant to jail to be punished until he should pay back the whole amount."

And Jesus concluded, "That is how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."





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## Who to speak to if there is a problem

Here is a quick guide to help parents identify whom to speak to when an issue has arisen at school. Telephone appointments can be booked through the school office. Please follow the escalation process.

### First, speak to the class teacher

<b>If the problem is not resolved, book an appointment to speak to a phase leader</b>	Miss Carroll (KS1) Miss Hickey (Years 3/4) Mr Johnson (Years 5/6)
<b>If the problem is not resolved, book an appointment to speak to the Deputy Head Teacher or Head Teacher</b>	Mr Spindlow (Deputy)  Mrs Milligan (Head Teacher)

\*Where the phase leader is the class teacher, please request to see one of the other phase leaders  
For complaints, please see the school's complaints policy located on the website. Paper copies are available upon request from the main office

## How do I make an enquiry with the school Office?

If you need to speak to the school office for any reason, please call 0121 747 2782 during school hours or alternatively, please push the buzzer at the top gate to speak with a member of staff.  
Most enquiries can be addressed quickly and easily without entering the school premises.

## WOW Project



Our Walk Once a Week (WOW) project begins in school on Monday. This initiative is to encourage pupils to walk to school at least once a week. Pupils who walk one day each week will receive a very special badge at the end of each month.

## What qualifies as walking to school?

- Walking the whole journey to school
- Riding a bike or scooter to school\*\*
- Parking at least as far as Morrison's and walking the rest of the way to school
- Getting off the bus a stop early and walking the rest of the journey

## Safer Schools APP

As a parent it is important for you to understand what children are doing online, so you can help make them safer. With this in mind, Guardian Angels have signed up to a new APP called Safer Schools.

We are delighted to invite you to download the APP by searching Safer Schools in the Apple APP Store or on Google Play.

You will then be asked to select Guardian Angels from the Safer Schools package menu.

Finally enter our unique parent code 7440 to enable you access to the online safety information



Click here for more information

<https://guardianangel.schooljotter2.com/parents-information/e-safety-1/safer-schools>





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## Star Pupil and Virtue Awards

Today we have awarded our Star Pupil and Virtue awards to these pupils. Well done!

	Star Pupils	Virtue Awards
Year 1	Oliver and Jacob	Joshua S
Year 2	Cassius and Erin	Emmie-Rose
Year 3	Buddy and D'or	Zara
Year 4	Finley and Savannah	Orlaith
Year 5B	Leah and Daniel	Oluwatoni
Year 5H	Mason and Maisie	Lewis
Year 6	Maisie and Jake	Maddison B



## Article 3 - Best interests of the child

[Click here for more information](#)



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### [Article 19 \(protection from violence, abuse and neglect\)](#)

Talk to your child about how to keep themselves safe. For more information, visit the NSPCC website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/>

## A POLITE REMINDER:

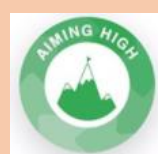
- Please ensure that you collect your child at the allocated time. This is to ensure social distancing and try to prevent the spread of potential infection.
- All children should bring their own water bottle to school every day.
- Due to infection prevention, we are unable to allow family members to use any of the toilets in school. Apologies for any inconvenience.
- PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING WHEN DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING PUPILS- THIS INCLUDES WITH MEMBERS OF STAFF AND OTHER PARENTS OR CARERS

## Last week we wished a very Happy Birthday to:

Ruby-Lou, Nadia and Maisie (Y1), Jan (Y2), Sadie (Y4), Riley-Rose and Thomas (5B) and E'shae (Y6)

## This week we have wished a very Happy Birthday to:

Carl (Y3), Ellarna (Y4), Jack (5H) and Willow (Y6)



## Attendance

We are aiming for excellent attendance. Please help us to achieve this by attending school every day possible

*God of love, help us to share your forgiveness with others. Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it. Amen.*



Have a lovely weekend and God Bless you all,

Mrs Helen Milligan

Head Teacher







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What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> <li>- Inform the school immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks.) <b>AND</b> the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- Household member to get a test.</li> <li>- Inform school immediately about test result.</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do not come to school.</li> <li>- Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>- Child can continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school



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... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- SCHOOL NAME child(ren) can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled.</li> <li>- contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school.</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul> <p><u><a href="#">*Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</a></u> – for up to date travel information</p>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check the current <u><a href="#">Exempt countries and territories list</a></u> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.</li> <li>- Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>	... you have informed the office of your return to the UK ( <i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i> ).
...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.</li> <li>- The person who has travelled <b>MUST NOT</b> leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>).</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>- Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>- Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>- <b>Other siblings may continue to attend school.</b></li> </ul>	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<b>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</b>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

