



# Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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## Dates for your Diary

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Little Way Week</b> the children will hear about St Therese of Lisieux and begin to carry out small acts with great kindness.
October	<b>Black History Month</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>Guardian Angels Feast Day</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>School closes for half term</b>
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>Deadline for Secondary School Applications (Year 6 Only)</b>

Another excellent week at Guardian Angels with so many pupils displaying this half terms virtues 'Curious and Active'. Well done!

**Pupil Voice:** Our School Council members would like everyone to know that it is Bike To School Week between 28<sup>th</sup> September- 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We are in the process of applying for funding to help us get bike and scooter racks for school. We will keep you up to date with our progress.

**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.

## VIRTUES OF THE HALF TERM

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



## This Weeks Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

"The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a man who went out early in the morning to hire some men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them the regular wage, a silver coin a day, and sent them to work in his vineyard. He went out again to the market place at nine o'clock and saw some men standing there doing nothing, so he told them, 'You also go and work in the vineyard, and I will pay you a fair wage.' So they went. Then at twelve o'clock and again at three o'clock he did the same thing. It was nearly five o'clock when he went to the market place and saw some other men still standing there. 'Why are you wasting the whole day here doing nothing?' he asked them. 'No one hired us,' they answered. 'Well, then, you also go and work in the vineyard,' he told them.

"When evening came, the owner told his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with those who were hired last and ending with those who were hired first.' The men who had begun to work at five o'clock were paid a silver coin each. So when the men who were the first to be hired came to be paid, they thought they would get more; but they too were given a silver coin each. They took their money and started grumbling against the employer. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'while we put up with a whole day's work in the hot sun—yet you paid them the same as you paid us!'

'Listen, friend,' the owner answered one of them, 'I have not cheated you. After all, you agreed to do a day's work for one silver coin. Now take your pay and go home. I want to give this man who was hired last as much as I have given you. Don't I have the right to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you jealous because I am generous?'

And Jesus concluded, "So those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last."





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## Home Learning

The home learning page is now being updated weekly for those children who are off school ill or self isolating. The work within each year group page includes: White Rose Maths resources and videos that match what is being taught each day in class. There is also a link to the Oak Academy where children can access English and wider curriculum lessons and resources.

This week children have been sent home with a home learning book where they can complete activities, stick worksheets or answer questions.

It is important that, if children are well enough to do this work when at home, it is completed to prevent them from falling behind their peers.

All home learning can be accessed by following this link and then selecting the appropriate year group from the side menu.

<https://guardianangel.schooljotter2.com/home-learning>

## Topic Webs and Knowledge Organisers

We have had a few very exciting weeks at Guardian Angels launching our new Creative Curriculum. Please click on the links below to have a look at the Topic webs for each year group and to access the new Knowledge Organisers.

Knowledge Organisers -

<https://guardianangel.schooljotter2.com/curriculum/knowledge-organisers>

Topic Webs -

<https://guardianangel.schooljotter2.com/curriculum/summer-topic-webs>

## COVID19 UPDATE

As a school within a Government identified 'High Risk' area that is subject to strict social distancing conditions, it is our duty to ensure that anyone presenting with **ONE or more** of the above named symptoms does not enter or remain in school.

This means that any adult or child that begins to develop

these symptoms in school, or if a parent reports these symptoms developing at home whilst not in school, they will be advised that the child must not be in school until one of the following happens:

- a) A negative test result has been returned
- b) The pupil has self-isolated for at least 10 days.

**If your child's condition changes, unfortunately we are not able to change our advice.**

COVID19 symptoms are similar to those of other ailments, and no member of school staff can distinguish between a 'seasonal' cough, high temperature causes or reasons for loss of taste or smell. The only way to rule out COVID19 is through testing or isolating for the specified time. School must carry out the instructions of Public Health England to ensure the health and safety of each and every pupil and staff member.

**Guardian Angels will always act upon the advice of the Government, Diocese, Local Authority and Public Health England, we will not change procedures based on how other schools locally are implementing their plans.**

We understand the frustration that the inadequate capacity of testing and track and trace systems is currently experiencing, but we cannot and will not compromise on our pupils or staff health and safety.

## Please Be Kind

Unfortunately, during this difficult time, some parents have taken their frustrations out on staff members. **This will not be tolerated. We are a Catholic school and expect that parents and carers treat our staff with the respect and dignity that they deserve.** Our staff are all carrying out their role under very difficult circumstances and are implementing the rules as laid out by Public Health England. Staff cannot change or bend these rules, irrespective of requests to do so.





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## Star Pupil and Virtue Awards

### Article 29 (goals of education)

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

	Star Pupils	Virtue Awards
Reception	Jacob & Troy	Blake
Year 1	Niamh & Amelia	Joey
Year 2	Noah & Corey	Cody
Year 3	Tilly & Liam	Amelia
Year 4	Sadie & Thomas	Adrian
Year 5B	Laila & Caiden	Kaden
Year 5H	Olivia N & Mohammed	Martyna
Year 6	Corey & E'Shae	Katie

Article 45 - Unicef can provide expert advice and assistance on children's rights



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

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

Barnardos aims to alleviate the long-term effects of domestic violence on children through counselling and family support services. Tel: 0121 550 5271 / 6 Web: [www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk)

*Living Lord, we give thanks for your generosity and love. Help us to take no more than we need, to share all that we have and to work together for change so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone. Amen.*



Have a lovely weekend and God Bless you all,

Mrs Helen Milligan (Head Teacher)

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

Davian (Y1), Meghan and Leah (5B) and Thomas (5H)

## Attendance

### Article 28 (right to education)

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





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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.

