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St Oswald's Catholic Community:  
With Christ at the centre of our  
community, our mission is to live,  
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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### The Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you once again for your feedback over the past week. You have been very encouraging about our recorded content to help with Home Learning! We now have 95% engagement with the Seesaw App so we can see the enormous efforts that are being made with Home Learning every day.

#### **Fabulous Fridays:**

We are very conscious of the amount of time the children are spending on devices, the demands being made of you as parents and the overwhelming feelings that we are all experiencing at the moment so we are going to make Friday Home Learning lighter with screen time reduced and the opportunity for families to switch off from Home Learning for the weekend. Your child's Class Teacher will post the Fabulous Friday Blog every Thursday evening, starting tonight. We could all do with a bit of fabulous on a Friday!

#### **Moving Works:**

We have had a very kind offer from Moving Works in Longton. They are offering to print anything out that is needed for Home Learning if you can't access a printer. All anyone needs to do is e mail [hello@movingworks.co.uk](mailto:hello@movingworks.co.uk) and call 01772 615550 before leaving to collect to ensure we have any documents ready. Mr Worrall has even offered that if you beep once you have arrived, they will pop out to your car so nobody is coming in the office!

#### **Home testing for primary school staff:**

The Department for Education recently announced that it will start a programme of asymptomatic COVID-19 testing in primary schools.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, testing at St Oswald's will allow us to take further measures to help staff and pupils to work in as safe an environment as possible. Up to one in three people who have Covid-19 have the virus without symptoms so could be transmitting the virus unknowingly.

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests have been used to detect COVID-19 in asymptomatic individuals. No test is perfect, but the speed and convenience of LFD tests supports detection of the virus in asymptomatic individuals who would not otherwise be tested. They are clinically approved and are crucial in the fight against the virus. Staff will test themselves twice a week starting from Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

What happens if a staff member tests positive for Coronavirus?

If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19 following a rapid test, the staff member will inform myself and arrange to go for a PCR test. The school will then identify the close contacts of this staff member and it is likely the school will close this teaching group (bubble) until the results are confirmed. If the result from the PCR test is positive, the class bubble will continue to isolate for a 10-day isolation period. This includes all children currently at school within the teaching group regardless of whether you are a critical worker or vulnerable family. Home Learning will still continue for all children within this teaching group/bubble. If the result from the PCR test is negative, the staff member and children will be able to come back to school the following day.

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## **Children's Mental Health Week, 1 – 5 February 2021 'Express Yourself':**

This year, more than any other year, highlighting Children's Mental Health is of the utmost importance. As adults we sometimes forget that we inadvertently pass on our worries and anxieties to our children. The theme for this year is 'Express Yourself', encouraging children to explore different ways we can express ourselves and the creative ways we can share our thoughts, feelings and ideas. This might be through conversations, poetry, art, music, dance etc..

The Daily Blogs next week will feature something each day to help children to celebrate the positives. On Friday we will finish the week with a 'Dress to Express' event. All the children (home and school) are to wear an outfit that makes them feel great!

### **SEND Zoom lessons for Parents & Carers:**

The SEND Information, Advice and Support Team are offering FREE zoom sessions on school-related subjects for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). Please see leaflet attached.

And finally...

Boris has suggested that schools will start to return from 8<sup>TH</sup> March but nothing has been confirmed at this moment in time so let's just keep doing one day at a time!

Team Oswald is here for you, just get in touch if you need anything.

Please take great care of yourselves during this time.

Yours sincerely

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