



# 16th October

Autumn Term 2020

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

## Covid alert levels

As I'm sure you are aware, the Government has now moved to a 3 tier local alert system. Our school is currently in an area which is deemed to be at alert level 'medium'. As part of our ongoing risk assessment we are looking at what we will implement in and around our school at each level. At the medium alert level please may we remind parents of the importance of the following:

- Please use the 2 metre markers to keep a safe distance from other families
- We recommend wearing a face covering when on school site, particularly if you are talking with others
- Please keep your children with you at all times – we are keeping classes apart at all times during the school day and this is significantly undermined when parents allow them to play together outside when being collected.
- Please leave our site promptly, leaving the gate areas free for other families to pass through safely.

**We are really grateful for your continued support.**

The infographic is a yellow and black poster from the NHS and HM Government. It features a vertical scale on the left with three levels: VERY HIGH (top), HIGH (middle), and MEDIUM (bottom, highlighted in grey). The main title is 'LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL MEDIUM'. Below this is a grid of 16 categories, each with an icon and a brief description of the rules. At the bottom, there are three simple actions to keep on protecting each other: Wash hands, Cover face, and Make space. For more information, it directs to gov.uk/coronavirus.

Category	Rules
<b>Social Contact</b>	Rule of six indoors and outdoors, in all settings.
<b>Weddings and Funerals</b>	Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for receptions, wakes and related ceremonies.
<b>Overnight Stays</b>	Overnight stays permitted subject to social contact rules.
<b>Working from home guidance</b>	Work from home where possible.
<b>Shopping and Retail</b>	Open.
<b>Leisure and gyms</b>	Open.
<b>Hospitality</b>	Open with some restrictions including 10pm closing time and table-service only.
<b>Entertainment and tourist attractions</b>	Open, except nightclubs and adult entertainment.
<b>Education</b>	Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.
<b>Healthcare Services</b>	Open.
<b>Residential Care</b>	Open to external visitors with additional precautions, subject to individual care provider guidance.
<b>Travel and Transport</b>	No travel restrictions within area. Avoid travel into Local COVID Alert Level Very High areas where possible.
<b>Sporting Activity</b>	Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).
<b>Worship</b>	Open, subject to social contact rules.
<b>Childcare</b>	Registered and wraparound childcare open. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted.
<b>Youth Clubs and Activities</b>	Permitted.

**There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:**

- Wash hands** keep washing your hands regularly
- Cover face** wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- Make space** stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## Children in Need



Our focus for Children in Need this year will be to reflect on those who do not have a safe place to sleep. Picasso class will be learning about a Christian charity that supports homeless children around the world as part of their RE learning over the next few weeks. On Children in Need day, we will spend some time during the day remembering and thinking about the fact that we all

have warm beds and homes to sleep in and how thankful we are for that. As we are trying to limit what is brought into school, we have set up a [Just Giving](#) page which will mean that your donation will go straight to Children in Need. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 to come to school in pyjamas and this can be donated at the link [here](#). Alternatively, please use the QR code to direct you straight to our page.



## Deadline for Secondary School Applications

A gentle reminder that the deadline for Secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure that you have completed your choice via the admissions portal.

## Phonic workshop

Our thanks to those parents who joined us for the phonic workshop – feedback has been extremely positive. If you were unable to attend, the PowerPoint used by Mrs Wilcock as well as a helpful overview can be found on our school website [here](#). Please do let us know if we can offer any further support.



## Free Webinar: Sharing the pleasure: the role of talk in reading



We would like to share a fantastic opportunity for parents to attend a webinar on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 8pm-9pm. This webinar is free and open to educators, librarians, parents and others interested in supporting young people develop the reading habit. The session will include research and

strategies to enrich informal book talk at home and school, and book recommendations that get everyone talking! Please use this [Eventbrite link](#) to book your free place. To view the Book Chat Guide for parents on reading with your child click [here](#).

## Developing a reading habit

Reading for pleasure is so vital and sometimes hearing stories can be just as pleasurable. Book Chat have collated some of their favourites, often read by the author, suitable for different ages. For 7-11 yr olds click this [link](#) and for 3-7 yr olds click [here](#). They have included the book covers so children can see and choose what they'd like to listen to.

## Posters from the Local Authority - Recognising Coronavirus / When to Self Isolate

The Local Authority has produced 2 new guides for parents on recognising and acting upon different symptoms as well as when to self-isolate. These have been reviewed by the Public Health and Clinical Commissioning Group. We have also attached the Quick Guide for Parents which was sent earlier this term. We hope this is useful to parents.

## Play/Lunch times

Some children may have mentioned that we are encouraging 'non-contact' play at playtime such as hugging and holding others. This is to limit the physical contact between children as another safety measure. We have also taken the decision to stop football at lunchtimes whilst the field is so wet. It is getting quite muddy and as such we are starting to see slips and slides which mean children are getting very muddy or having unnecessary bumps.



## Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn term 2020

***Any new dates are added in bold italics***

Date	Event
21 <sup>st</sup> October	STARS Cupcake raffle – tickets available from the school car park
<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School starts again
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Virtual Open Session for prospective parents: 9.30am – 10.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet Parent Consultations via telephone: 2:30pm – 5:30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Kandinsky Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Picasso Parent Consultations via telephone: 3:30pm – 5:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b><i>Pyjama/Onesie day for Children in Need</i></b>
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Van Gogh Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Kandinsky Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Picasso Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for all children
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Sharing Assembly via Zoom 1:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2021</b>	<b>Christmas Holiday</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training day – School Closed
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring term begins

### Our School Prayer

**Dear Lord,**

**All** together we are Abbots Ripton School

**Bless** each one of us this day

**Bring** joy to our lives

**Open** our hearts to peace

**Together** we pray to you our Father

**Stand** by us as we grow

**May we**

**Reflect** your goodness

**In** all that we do

**Protect** the world around us and

**Take** care of your creation

**Our** family and friends we trust to your care

**Now** and forever we say

Amen

**Attendance % for  
W/E 16/10/2020**

**Van Gogh – 99%  
Monet – 99%**

Kandinsky – 95%  
Picasso – 98%