



Testing those who are symptomatic of Covid19 is a key strategy in managing and reducing the spread of the virus.

Detailed below is the government guidance on what the symptoms are of Covid19:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

In line with DFE guidance, anyone who is symptomatic we are asking that they are tested. Please note period of isolation for the person with symptoms is 10 days from the start of symptoms, a household member would need to isolate for 14 days.

Attendance expectations

From the start of the autumn term 2020 pupil attendance is mandatory and the usual rules on attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

School has received guidance from the Local Authority, which states that where families will not engage with the testing process of Covid19, school will not be able to authorise the absence and as such, no schoolwork will be provided during the period of absence.

We really are so appreciative of everyone's understanding and support in implementing protective measures to help reduce the spread of the virus. We realise there are lots of things to remember!

- Here is a reminder of the key protective measures we are asking you to follow. (please do not be offended if school staff remind you regarding the below, it's about working together to help stop the spread of the virus)
Only 1 parent/carer per family to come on school site at drop off/pick up times- this helps to keep the number of people on school site at any one time to a minimum.
- Please keep 2m apart from anyone not in your household- this helps to limit the spread of the virus. There are 2m markings throughout the school site to support this.
- Please keep your child/children with you at all times- this supports the protective bubble we have in place in school.
- Although we love to chat to our families, in order to keep lines moving etc, please phone/email or send a note into school with any messages etc for staff.

Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to become the wonderful person God created us to be.

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Sheffield has been placed in the '**High**' category of the Government's new three-tier Covid-19 scheme. The new measures mean a ban on different households mixing and came into place on Wednesday 14th October.

Find out what the new rules and restrictions are and what they mean for you and your loved ones:

https://sheffnews.com/news/sheffield-high-category-rules-and-restrictions?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

There are now 5 testing centres in Sheffield at the following locations:

- Local Testing Site at Sharrow
- Local Testing Site at Darnall
- Regional Testing Site at Meadowhall
- The Mobile Testing Unit based at Olympic Legacy Park has relocated to Milton Street Car Park in Broomhall.
- Local Testing Site at Burngreave

You should only book a test if you have symptoms of Covid-19. Tests must be pre-booked and can only be booked via the national NHS portal online nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

If you cannot get an appointment right away, stay at home and continue to self-isolate until an appointment comes available for you.

ATTENDANCE

We are currently looking at attendance figures. We will be sending letters home to parents/carers whose children have attendance lower than 92% to make you aware and to possibly arrange a meeting (zoom or telephone).

Please note, if your child's attendance drops below 92% then we will not be authorising your child's absence unless medical evidence is provided.

Please can we remind you that if your child is ill and not going to be attending school we require you to ring the school office on the first day of absence before 9:15am. To support safeguarding of children, we operate a first day contact policy so if your child isn't in school and you haven't contacted us, then school will contact you to check the whereabouts of your child.

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Year 4 Fencing Trip at EIS

Year 4 had an amazing morning with Qualitas at EIS. They took part in a fencing workshop where they focused on the key skills used in fencing, the different stances and most importantly they got play against each other. It was a really lovely morning and everyone had a great time. Well done Y4!



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Update from St Thomas More Church.

Church is back open albeit with more limited spaces. The process to book a place at Mass is to email Marie at stmarysmortomley@gmail.com. Emails are to be received by Marie by Tuesday at the latest to book a place for the following Saturday's Mass. Spaces are filled extremely quickly so it is best to book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

In order to keep Church COVID safe, there is currently a significant amount of additional workload involved. Church are desperately short of volunteers to assist in the smooth running of the church. Many volunteers that have worked in church for many years are in the over 70's age group which means it is no longer safe for them to continue to help. Church is in need of stewards, counters but more urgently people who are willing to help with cleaning. If this is something you feel you would be able to assist with then please contact Barbara Russell via e-mail on barbara.russell72@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.

F2 Welcome Liturgy

Usually at this time of the year, we would hold a special welcome liturgy for our F2 children. Sadly, due to the current restrictions, we are unable to do this with parents/carers and the rest of the school. However, we will still be going ahead with the welcome liturgy with the F2 children. Next week, I will present each of them with a small gift, which we hope will be used by you as a family as they journey through St Thomas More. We will ensure we take some pictures of the children with their gift (for those who have photo permissions) and send them on via parent-mail.

Breakfast Club

In order to consider if we can reinstate Breakfast Club provision in some form, (in line with COVID safe measures), we need to find out from Parents/Carers the demand and the split of children who might use breakfast club, to help the school decide if we can offer this again after half term, whilst maintaining the integrity of the class bubbles.

To help us undertake this task please can you complete the following online survey, which was sent to parents/carers via ParentMail. It would be helpful if you can also provide a nil return if you would not use the Breakfast Club, if it were to be restarted.

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Term Dates – St Thomas More.

2021 to 2022

September (22 Days)						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30			

October (16 Days)						
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November (22 Days)						
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December (17 Days)						
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January (16 days)						
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February (15 days)						
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March (23 Days)						
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April (10 Days)						
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May (19 Days)						
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June (19 Days)						
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July (16 Days)						
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August						
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Bank Holiday
School Holiday
Staff Training Day

Autumn 1	Monday 6 th September 2021	Friday 22 nd October 2021	35 days
Autumn 2	Monday 1 st November 2021	Wednesday 22 nd December 2021	38 days
Spring 1	Monday 10 th January 2022	Friday 11 th February 2022	25 days
Spring 2	Tuesday 22 nd February 2022	Friday 1 st April 2022	29 days
Summer 1	Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Friday 27 th May 2022	28 days
Summer 2	Monday 6 th June 2022	Friday 22 nd July 2022	35 days

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PARKING SAFELY



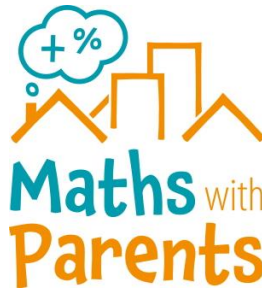
The area outside our school is busy in the morning and even more so at leaving times. Parents/carers who park close to entrances act irresponsibly, placing children in danger. The 'School Keep Clear' Zig Zag markings should maintain an area free from parked cars. This allows children and parents/carers walking in and out of school to cross safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic.

We have had reports of numerous parking incidents recently. An incident was reported last week where a car did a three-point turn in the road just outside of school, mounted the curb and very nearly hit some of our children. We understand that parents/carers have places to be but please be sensible and think about the safety of all of our school community. Please also be respectful of other drivers when parking, ensuring there is room to pass on the road.

Please also remember that walking to school is a great way to become healthier and can positively contribute to a child's development! It helps develop traffic awareness skills, keeps the environment cleaner and reduces traffic outside school at starting and finishing times. If you have to drive to school, please try to park as far away from school as you can and walk the rest of the way.

Thank you for your support with this.

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Welcome to Maths with Parents this year!

Inside your child's homework books this week, there is a letter with a unique code for maths with parents.

We have been given access to this fantastic resource so that it will allow you and your child/children to watch short videos explaining the topics your child/children's teacher chooses, and then play fun games and activities together using items around the home to explore the maths in the real world. The class teacher then gets your feedback and photos so they can see how you are getting on.

Below, is some guidance on how to access maths with parents.

- 1) Visit www.mathswithparents.com
- 2) Click on I'm a Parent, then the Parent Signup button
- 3) Enter your details, then launch the site
- 4) Enter your child's details and their 6-digit class code (once registered, you will not need this again!) *This is in your child's homework book

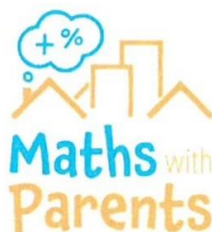
Once you have signed Up – what next?

- Watch the introductory video to see how it works
- Watch the video for the first topic with your child and choose the activity to play first
- Leave feedback for the teacher or upload a photo. This is so important, so they know how your child is getting on
- Pick an item to dress up your Mathscot!

We hope you enjoy exploring the topics together!

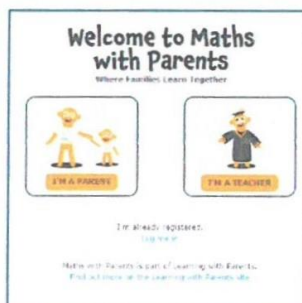
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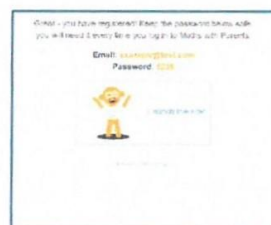
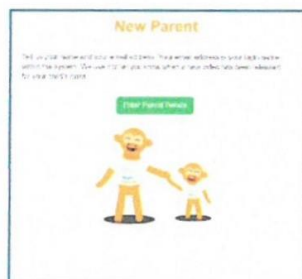
Go to www.mathswithparents.com and click on I'm a parent, and then Parent Sign Up



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Click to enter your details

Click to launch the site



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Click to add your child

Enter your child's details and 6-digit class code.

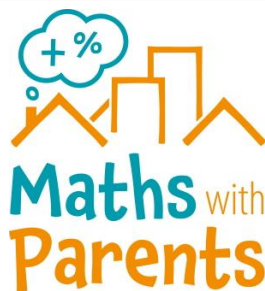
Once you have used this to register, you will not need it again!



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Then you will see your login details, so you are ready to get started and enjoy our games and activities at home!

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If you need any help,
get in touch
hello@mathswithparents.com

Can I add another child or parent?

Adding Another Child

1. Log in to your account
2. At the bottom of your page there is a 'Add another child' icon:

Do you have other children to sign up? You will need their class codes. Use the link below to add them.

[Add another child](#)

3. Click on this button
4. Enter your other child's class code
5. Enter their name, and then click 'Confirm'

Adding Another Parent

You can add as many parents, grandparents, carers etc. as required.

They will need to register the same way from the start – **just make sure everyone spells the child's name exactly the same.**

You will then all have access to the same account

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Saints to Celebrate in October

There are a number of notable saints whose feast days could be highlighted this month:

Thursday 1st	St Therese of the Child Jesus <i>The Mission Together website has several resources focussing on St Therese</i>
Friday 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday 9th	St John Henry Newman <i>One of our most recently canonised saints. Look up his 'Radiating Christ' prayer, and his 'God has created me' quote.</i>
Thursday 15th	St Teresa of Avila <i>Her prayer 'Let nothing disturb you' is very appropriate for these times. And her prayer 'Christ has no body now on earth...' is particularly beautiful.</i>
Thursday 22nd	St John Paul II <i>A good opportunity to share his Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.</i>

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month for the Holy Rosary and the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary is Wednesday 7th October.

For your homework, you need to become rosary designers and create an actual 3D rosary or a decade of a rosary. You can use items from home to design your rosary. For example, use beads and string, knotted string, Cheerios or cereal and string, rocks/stones from your garden, playdough, draw using colours and paper or any other creative ideas that you can think of.

Remember, you can't bring in your homework, so please email a picture of it to your teacher. You could even email a picture of yourself and/or your family using your rosary to pray.

Two winners from each class will have their rosary project printed and added to our whole school display! You can make it as colourful, imaginative and 3D as you want. Use your creativity! 😊

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CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS

Friday 9th October 2020

F2	Amari	For	Fantastic listening in our maths lessons this week and for using our star words during choosing time. Keep it up Amari.
	Georgie		Being a fantastic talk partner on the carpet and making new friends to choose with. Well done Georgie!
Y1	Stasiu	For	Creating and solving some fantastic equations this week, both in lesson and in the Maths area during choosing time! You have really understood how to add and subtract numbers! Great work!
	Mathaus		Showing real determination in your big write this week – you are trying to challenge yourself in your writing and it shows! Keep up the good work!
Y2	Sophie	For	You have left me amazed with how fluently you are reading a range of different books! You listen carefully every single day and this brilliant attitude to school and learning has shown with how well you remember all your sounds and use this to read some very challenging books! Keep it up, you are a star!
	Shayne		For your outstanding gymnastic abilities! You have blown me away during our PE lessons this week at how professional you look performing a range of different balances, jumps and rolls! You are an Olympian in the making!
Y3	Olivia H	For	Your amazing attitude to all of your learning over the past few weeks! You have pushed yourself and tried your very best. Well done, Olivia!
	Arthur		Your wonderful source analysis when learning about the Spanish Armada. You impressed us so much with your knowledge. Well done, Arthur!
Y4	Charlie B	For	Working hard on producing complex sentences in English lessons this week. Your writing has blown me away. Well done.
	Grace		Focussing hard on your maths work this week. You have really impressed me with your problem-solving skills and your understanding of four-digit numbers. Well done.
Y5	Christina	For	Always having a positive attitude to learning. Christina, you always try your hardest in every lesson and you are a great role model to your peers, well done Christina!
	Brody		Using excellent ambitious and technical vocabulary in your non-chronological report. Well done Brody, keep up the good work!
Y6	Raphael	For	Challenging and pushing himself in his Big Write this week! Well done – keep it up!
	Nikola		Always being ready for each and every lesson as well as offering to help out in class! I appreciate it - keep it up!

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Last Weeks Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	96.6	0
Year 1	98.6	0
Year 2	98	7
Year 3	93	0
Year 4	98.4	0
Year 5	98.6	3
Year 6	99	0
School Total	97.5	10

Wow! Well Done Y6! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!

100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	Stanley
Year 1	Joshua
Year 2	Oscar
Year 3	Rohan
Year 4	Priscilla
Year 5	Carly
Year 6	Archie

OUTSTANDING HOMEWORK Week ending 9th October

Class	Winner
F2	Elena
Y1	Carlos
Y2	Douglas
Y3	Everton
Y4	Abigail
Y5	Sophie
Y6	Harry

GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



This week's winner is Aleks in Y2

For:

Your excellent attitude to learning. You have been so determined since coming back to school to always put 100% effort into everything. You persevere when things get tough and are always looking for ways to improve your work, what a brilliant start to year 2! Keep it up!

TRIPS AND EVENTS - 2020/21



School photographs will take place on **Monday 9th November**. One photographer will be visiting the school and adhering to all COVID19 safety measures. Due to the current situation, we will only be offering individual photos, no sibling photos. This is because we need to keep to the class bubbles.

An online consent form has been sent out via ParentMail. Please complete this before Friday 6th November at 10.00am to state whether or not you would like your child to be photographed. If you don't complete the form, we will assume you do not wish for your child to have their photo taken.

Harvest Fast Day!

Here at STM, we always celebrate Harvest Fast Day as one way that we help those around us. Even though it will be celebrated a bit different this year, we still want to help others! So, on **Friday 23rd of October**, the children can wear bright colours when they donate £1.00. We will then send all our raised money to CAFOD in order to help others. Thanks in advance to all those who will participate! Stay tuned for how much we will raise. (Please remember to bring exact change as we are not allowed to give change back.)