



Please help everyone by adhering to the social distancing rules and the changing Government Road Map, to keep yourselves and your family safe.

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 be tested. Please note the period of isolation for the person with symptoms is 10 days from the start of symptoms, a household member would need to isolate for 10 days. Day 1 is the day after symptoms or the day after a positive test if no symptoms.

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 is about working together to help stop the spread of the virus).

- 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 wear a face mask/covering on school site unless you are exempt.
- 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, please phone/email or send a note into school with any messages, for staff.
- 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.
- Once you have dropped off/picked up your child/children, please do not congregate in groups outside the school gates. We ask that families move away from the entrance/exit to avoid causing congestion, which causes problems for others entering or leaving the school site.

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.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



We would like you to join us in welcoming Mr. A Wright (Assistant Caretaker) who joined the STM team this week and Mr. T Rashid (Building Supervisor) who will be joining us next week.

Breakfast Club March 2021



Since Breakfast Club has restarted, the number of children attending has been very low. We will monitor this for the next two weeks. If the numbers remain low, the club will not be feasible to run and we will have to suspend it until later in the year.

Drop off is between **8:00am and 8:30am** with strictly no admissions after 8:30am. The cost is **£2 per session** (a reduction due to the free breakfast provision currently available in school). Payment will need to be made in advance via ParentMail, and accounts will be charged daily after each attendance. If there are insufficient funds on your child's account, they will be allowed to attend that day, but will subsequently, not be given entry until there are sufficient funds paid to their Breakfast Club Account.

Children must be brought to the main entrance by a parent/carer - please queue up the ramp, following the 2m markings. Children will sign in at reception as normal; however, **no cash will be accepted in school.**

School Uniform

We have had an increasing number of children wearing leggings and trainers as part of daily school uniform. These can be worn for PE but not as general uniform. Our uniform policy is on our website - here is the link:

<https://www.st-thomasmoresheffield.co.uk/our-school/uniform>

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We are using a new system for our parents' evening- School Cloud. Appointments are now available to book by clicking the below link:

<https://stthomasmorecatholicavc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please find below a guide on how to use this new system. If you have any problems booking your appointment, please let the school office know.

Dates of parents evening:

Monday 10th May: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Tuesday 11th May: Year 1

Thursday 13th May: F2, Year 2

Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments

 schoolcloud

Browse to <https://stthomasmorecatholicavc.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button.

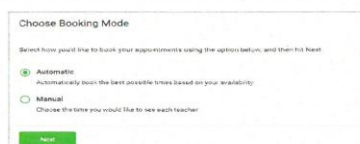
A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.



Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.



Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*.

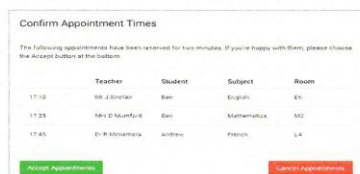
We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.



Step 4: Choose Teachers

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.



Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).



Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.



Step 6: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the My Bookings page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.

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VE Day in St Thomas More

Victory in Europe Day - also known as VE Day - celebrates the Allied Forces accepting the Nazi's unconditional surrender from World War 2. The final document was signed on 8 May 1945. Today, countries throughout the world celebrate VE Day annually, on either 8th or 9th of May. This year, the UK will celebrate the 76th anniversary of this special day on Saturday 8th May, but we will be celebrating throughout the week.

We have planned lots of activities for our children to enjoy in celebration!

Y1	Y1 will be learning about what VE day is, and why it is such a significant part of British history. We will think about the bravery people showed in the war and try to imagine what people must have felt like during this time. For our activity, we will be listening to some war-time music and designing our own bravery medals!
Y2	Y2 will be learning about VE and why people celebrated with street parties, and how this brought others together as one. We will have our own mini-party and design our own bunting for it!
Y3	Y3 will be learning about what devastation the war caused and how VE Day was a big celebration across Britain in 1945. We will be making diary entries as a person who lived during this time, describing what has been happening and how we are going to celebrate VE Day. To get into the spirit of 1945, we will be listening to music that was popular in 1940s Britain!
Y4	Y4 will be using secondary and primary sources about VE and will be placing their favourite facts onto a flag, which they will be able to take home. It will be a party atmosphere and we will be playing celebration music from that time.
Y5	Y5 will be learning about why VE day was such a significant event in British History and how people across the country celebrated. We will be listening to Winston Churchill's radio broadcast announcing VE day in 1945 and we will be writing and recording our own announcement speeches! We will also listen to war-time music and design VE day decorations such as flags and bunting.
Y6	Y6 will be listening to music from the 1940s and they will be having a big sing-along!

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School Nature Garden

We Need Your Help



We want to create a space in our woodland area that will have a positive impact on learning in school. Our aim is to have a space that will support children's social, emotional and personal development. We want them to use this space for learning in science and geography, to help improve reading in school and to have a space where children can benefit from work in a great outdoor environment.

We have a plan of what we want it to look like, but we now need your help. If you are able to do so, we are asking you to donate any resources that you may have at home that you are no longer using.

Thank you to everyone who has already offered donations or help. We still need the following things:

- ~~Exterior fence and masonry paint – any colours!~~ – Thank you to Darcey Y4's Mum and Ronseal who are kindly donating all the exterior paint we need
- Timber
- Clear and green 2 litre plastic bottles.
- ~~Bricks~~
- Bamboo
- Gardening gloves
- Gardening tools
- Plant pots - Not plastic ones!
- ~~Car tyres~~
- Pond liner, fish food,
- Leftover bags of stones/pebbles/bark
- 60 Wooden pallets

Also, if you work for any businesses that may be willing to donate any of the above materials we would love to hear from you.


If you think you have any of the following, and would like to donate these to school, please email enquiries@st-thomasmore.sheffield.sch.uk before bringing them into school as we will need to arrange when they can be dropped off.

We appreciate all of your help with this, and please keep an eye out for the next update as we will be asking parents to get their gardening gloves on!

Thanks,

Mr. Platts

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	CELEBRATION FRIDAY WINNERS Friday 23rd April		
F2	Rosi-Mae	For	Writing a fantastic letter to the Giant to tell him what Jack stole from his castle! Well done for independently using your Fred fingers to sound out each word and remember your finger spaces. Keep it up Rosi 😊
	Georgie		Being a really kind friend to everybody in our class, making sure that you include everyone in choosing time and being a super role model for your friends. Well done Georgie 😊
Y1	Ashton	For	Showing great resilience in all your lessons this week – especially in your maths when we've covered some tricky topics this week! You have tried your hardest even when you have found things hard! Great job!
	Adwapa		An outstanding job on your big write this week – you have tried so hard to create the best piece of work possible and it really shows! All the adults in Y1 are SO proud of how hard you have worked this week – you should be proud of yourself too!
Y2	Sebastian	For	Your incredible independent writing! You have gone above and beyond in your writing this week and produced an excellent, spooky description! You have blown me away with the language used and correctly remembering capital letters, full stops and neat handwriting! Well done!
	Zosia		Your enthusiasm for school and learning. Every day you set an amazing example to others by always doing what is expected. You are so excited to learn and answer questions and you are always determined to challenge yourself and work independently. Keep it up!
Y3	Harry	For	Your great work this week in our reading lessons. You did a super job of answering retrieval, inference and find and copy questions. Well done Harry!
	Eve		Trying really hard to develop your reasoning skills all week. You have persevered and shown your resilience even when the questions were super tricky! Well done Eve!
Y4	Bethany	For	Working really hard on improving her presentation, and for also using different sentence types in her big write.
	Priscilla		Writing a great answer to our enquiry question in History.
Y5	Olly	For	Writing an excellent character description. You really challenged yourself to include parenthesis, semi-colons and puns! Well done Olly!
	Jennifer		Your excellent handwriting in your big write this week. I am so proud of your progress. Well done Jennifer!
Y6	Samuel	For	Efficient transitioning between lessons, enabling quick and effective learning to take place. Always ready to challenge yourself. Well done!
	Abby		Amazing acting ability, really getting into character as 'Mrs Medlock', showing fantastic knowledge of how to formally develop a character. Well done!

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GROWTH MINDSET AWARD WINNER!



Last week's winner is Emlyn in F2 for:

Trying really hard with all of your learning and showing all of your friends that you are ready to learn! You have been showing us your super listening on the carpet and thinking carefully about your answers. You have blown us away with your fantastic maths learning over the last few weeks and we are really proud of you. Keep it up Emlyn 😊

Last Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	95.6	1
Year 1	99.7	2
Year 2	96.6	1
Year 3	100	0
Year 4	99.7	3
Year 5	100	0
Year 6	93	4
School Total	97.8	11

Wow! Well Done Year 3 and Year 5! You will receive an extra playtime for your great attendance last week!



100% Attendance & Punctuality Winners

F2	
Year 1	Poppy
Year 2	Parker
Year 3	Eoghan
Year 4	Tristan
Year 5	Max
Year 6	Sophie

Outstanding Homework Winner



F2	Piper
Y1	Ruby-Rae
Y2	Milly
Y3	Ava
Y4	Mia
Y5	Guedaliah
Y6	Leo