



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support and feedback through our survey. As a school we have taken on board your feedback and are aiming to increase communication linked to the day to day running of school. Below you will find a COVID update with information on how this impacts on the daily life at school.

### COVID Update

SSSJ has a comprehensive risk assessment in place which is based upon the Department of Education full reopening of schools. As part of this risk assessment we follow the system of controls set out below. These system of controls link to how the school is run. Alongside this, we also take advice from Bolton Authority. The guidance has been updated at least four times since we reopened in September and each time the guidance changes we update our risk assessment. We then share this with staff and children.

System of controls:

1. minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Where recommended, use of face coverings in school.
3. clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
4. ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
5. introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.
6. minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
7. where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
8. Always keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

**Please ensure children have additional layers in school i.e. sweater, jackets etc as all windows have to be open at the start of each day. If your child is feeling chilly due to the windows being open they are able to wear an extra layer to keep them warm.**

9. engage with NHS Test and Trace process.
10. manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
11. contain any outbreak by following the local health protection team advice.

Taking into account the system of controls and the advice from the Department of Education, **we are unable to host any events in the lead up to Christmas.** Unfortunately, this means that we are unable to invite parents into school to watch a Nativity, to listen to Early Years songs around the Christmas tree, or to attend a Christmas Fair.

We appreciate that this may be upsetting for some parents, given that it may be the first time that children have performed in a school production, so we have decided to still make this lead up to Christmas special for all of our children.



**SS Simon & Jude**  
Church of England Primary School

Towards the end of the term we will be having a Christmas party day, enjoying visits from Father Christmas, recreating the Christmas story in bubbles, fund raising for those in need within our community, enjoying Christmas lunch, making Christmas cards and calendars and many more fun activities.

In order to share this experience with parents, we are aiming to post our recorded Christmas experiences on our school website. The school council have also asked to share these experiences with our older members of the community in care homes local to us, in order to make their Christmas as special as ours.

We appreciate your understanding in this. If you do have any questions linked to this COVID update, please feel free to email the office on [ssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk](mailto:ssjoffice@vantageacademies.co.uk) for the attention of Miss Jones.

Kinds regards,

Miss Jones

