



# St Osyth C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Half Term Holiday

It hardly seems possible that it is already so close but from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October the children are on half-term holiday and will start next half-term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

## Parent/Carer Consultations

These are taking place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

## Essex moved to Tier 2 High Local Alert Level

With Essex, yesterday, moving to Tier 2 in regard to COVID19 it is even more important that we ensure that we do all that we can to control the risk of infection. This includes social distancing measures when on the school site. I am aware that parents and carers may have some questions about how best to keep them and their families safe and in line with the new procedures that we all have to follow. With this in mind, I am sharing the below information and Essex County Council's FAQs document – hot off the press! The full government guidance on the High Local Alert Level can be found [here](#).

Yesterday, the Secretary of State for Health decided to move Essex into the Local COVID Alert Level: High, in order to stem the rising tide of infections in our county. This short [video](#) from Dr Mike Gogarty, Essex's Director of Public Health, explains in more detail why the decision has been made to act now to slow the spread.

The move for Essex into the High Local Alert Level means **no change to the education system in Essex**. It is of the utmost importance that all children can attend school safely, to support their wellbeing and education and it is intended that all education settings remain fully open.

## The importance of fresh air and exercise

Recently the weather has turned somewhat colder and wetter. It is still important for our children to have as much time outside, at break and dinner, so that they can relax and play with friends, get some exercise, be around nature and so on. Therefore, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed to go outside during the school day – including when there is light rain. Thank you.

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Applications to our school are made via Essex's website - <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Online applications can be made for a Reception school place between 9 November 2020 and 15 January 2021.

### **Have you ever wanted to design a logo?**

Children, our trust, The Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust, wants a new logo and they want your help to design it. To help them, all you need to do is to draw, paint or print a new logo for the trust, on plain white paper, and either:

1. Ask an adult to email it to school (photographed or scanned copies are fine) or
2. Put it in an envelope, with your name and school name on it, and give it to your class teacher.

You may want to look at the trust's website to help you think of ideas for a logo -

<https://www.vineschoolstrust.co.uk/>

All logo designs need to be submitted by the end of this half term so that they can be shown to the directors of the trust.

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Best Regards,



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(Headteacher)