



**St Antony's
Roman Catholic School**
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20th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you again for your continued support as we move through these dark and rather miserable November days! We are starting to look forward to Christmas and I would like to thank all those who have sent in donations of chocolate, biscuits and wine for our Christmas Dinner project or have made a financial donation (https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-antony's?utm_term=7b8R2NB7w). It is all gratefully received.

You may have noticed that our website (<https://st-antony's.com/>) has had a complete upgrade with a new format, photos, videos, prospectus and other content. If there is anything additional that you feel we should have included here, please do not hesitate to make a suggestion. We are always interested in the views of our parents.

I am pleased to report that student cases within school remain low with only one additional case (Yr7) since my last letter a fortnight ago. We have now had a number of staff cases but, due to their strict adherence to our social distancing expectations, no other students or staff were identified as contacts and therefore school has been able to continue without great disruption. All students that have been requested to self-isolate as a result of cases within school have now returned. The following graphic illustrates how we calculate the date of return for a child required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case and may be useful for you also.



The graphic at the end of this letter, also provided by Public Health, illustrates isolation periods within a household and may be of interest to you. I also attach the latest version of the Greater Manchester COVID 19 absence guide for parents and carers which may be useful too.

We were visited on Wednesday by the Health and Safety Executive who are inspecting a selection of schools to ensure that they are COVID secure. I am delighted to inform you that we passed with flying colours and that school was judged to be a safe place for our students and staff.

I would like to again update you on the areas below, as I have done on a fortnightly basis, in order to keep you fully informed. This letter will also be published openly on our website and is being sent to our governors and trustees.

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School reopening	<i>Students have settled fully into a new, slightly amended, school life and we are pleased to be operating in such a settled and productive learning environment.</i>
Attendance	<i>Attendance remains high for all groups within school and significantly above national figures. Normal systems are in operation for poor attendance (none COVID related) and a number of formal warning letters have been issued. If your child is poorly with symptoms which do not match those of COVID, please send them into school. We will contact you if they are so poorly that they cannot access their learning.</i>
Coverage of the curriculum	<i>We continue to deliver all of the curriculum to all students.</i>
Remote learning	<i>The staff make great efforts to ensure that they set high quality work which will prevent absent students from falling behind. This work is not always completed and it is essential that students do so. If your child is isolating and cannot access the work set (via their school email and Microsoft Teams) for any reason, please contact the school immediately.</i>
Mental health and wellbeing	<i>Students continue to flourish in school with the support all of the staff, both teaching and non-teaching. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any additional support for your child.</i>

As you are aware, next Monday, 23rd November, we will be taking an additional INSET day, as offered by Trafford earlier this year. This will allow us to ensure that all systems and processes are reviewed and updated in these ever changing times. Students will not be in school on this day.

Next Thursday, 26th November, is Year 10 Parents Evening which will be held for the first time via Microsoft Teams. We are looking forward to have some face to face contact with parents albeit virtually!

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. Please remember to follow both the school's and Public Health guidance to keep everyone learning safely.

Have a restful and safe locked down weekend.

With kind regards,

Mrs Fiona Wright – Headteacher



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Isolation period for household contacts

										
Day	Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5					
1	I have started with symptoms today so I am going to isolate and get a test	The person I live with has started with symptoms so I am isolating	The person I live with has started with symptoms so I am isolating	The person I live with has started with symptoms so I am isolating	The person I live with has started with symptoms so I am isolating					
2	My test was positive so I am now isolating for 10 days	Because the person I live with tested positive, I am now isolating for 14 days from when their symptoms developed	Because the person I live with tested positive, I am now isolating for 14 days from when their symptoms developed	Because the person I live with tested positive, I am now isolating for 14 days from when their symptoms developed	Because the person I live with tested positive, I am now isolating for 14 days from when their symptoms developed					
3		But on day 3, I started with symptoms (I am getting a test). My test was positive so I am now isolating for 10 days								
4						But on day 4, I started not to feel very well, so I got a test				
5						My test was negative, but I still need to isolate for the 14 days because the person I live with tested positive				
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10										
11						Isolation ends	Isolation ends			
12										
13	Isolation ends									
14	But on day 13, I started with symptoms (I am getting a test). My test was positive so I am now isolating for 10 days									
15		I developed no symptoms, so my isolation ends today	Isolation ends							
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23			Isolation ends							