



St Antony's
Roman Catholic School

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15th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. My intention remains to write to you fortnightly, however, so much has been happening this week, it seemed appropriate to communicate with you today.

Firstly, as previously stated, your opinions are very important to us as we strive to provide the best possible education experience for your child and we are very grateful for the feedback we have received so far. I have a Parent Q&A taking place today at 4pm and these are planned to occur fortnightly. I appreciate that there are parents who are unable to attend and therefore, to get a full picture from families at the moment, I would be very grateful if all can complete this very short survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9C96YT2>) by Monday 18th January at 3pm. We are also asking all students to complete a questionnaire (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92K9MJQ>) and I would be grateful if you could encourage your son/daughter to do so.

We have already been listening closely to feedback from both parents and students and, as a result, are making some changes which will be in place by early next week. In summary, this will mean slightly less 'live' lesson delivery for KS4 (we have been told that 5 hours of learning via screen is too much) and more 'live' learning for KS3. Further information can be found on the [Remote Learning](#) section of the school website.

You should know that SMHW will be used over coming days to trial a way of monitoring the engagement of KS3 students in their lessons. This will involve teachers awarding/deducting points for attendance/engagement. This is a result of feedback from parents saying that they wish to be more aware of how well their child is doing with their learning during this time of remote education. This system will be trialled next week with Yr7. Again, further details are available as above.

Finally, a great deal of both teacher and support staff time has been wasted this week dealing with the misuse of Teams by a very small number of students. Teachers, supported by the rest of the school staff, are working so hard to provide a high quality education in this challenging time but, unfortunately, the education of others is being damaged by a minority who are trying to disrupt this learning and the smooth running of the school. When we identify culprits, the consequences are significant and will include having access to the school computer system being removed and therefore having to do learning entirely manually. Please discuss this with your son/daughter and emphasise how important it is for them to use the system in an appropriate manner.

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Thank you in advance for your continued support.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mrs Wright'.

Mrs Wright - Headteacher