



St Antony's
Roman Catholic School
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26th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families continue to be well and are starting to enjoy the gradual lowering of restrictions, as well as looking forward to a break over the Easter period.

We will be breaking up on Maundy Thursday, 1st April, at approximately 12:45pm. If your child is on free school meals and would like to order a packed lunch to take home, please ask them to see Mrs Gorman in the kitchen before the end of lunchtime on Wednesday. A selection of snacks will also be available at breaktime. Students will be able to wear non-uniform that day and are asked to make a contribution of £1 towards St Joseph's Penny, the Salford Diocese charity we often support at this time of year. A socially distanced Mass is taking place next Tuesday at 8:25am in the school hall with Father Kieren. All students are welcome to attend. There is still time to order a personalised Easter Bunny (see picture below) from Ms Nadeem (m.nadeem@st-antonys.com). These are £3 each and all monies raised also go to this charity.

In school mass testing has now ended and all those students for whom we had consent have now been provided with home testing kits. Testing should continue over the Easter break and further kits will be distributed next week once we receive delivery in school. The email address for the sharing of results with school is CovidTesting@st-antonys.com. **If a child tests positive, please call school immediately or email f.wright@st-antonys.com.**

A Year 11 student tested positive for COVID yesterday resulting in a significant number of that year group having to self-isolate for 10 days. Thank you again for doing all you can outside of school to ensure the health and safety of your own families and, as a result, the health and safety, and continued education, of others.

I would like to again update you on the areas below, as I have done on a regular 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.

School reopening	<i>Students have settled fully yet again into the rhythms and routines of school. Our high expectations with regards to uniform and other aspects of appearance remain the same as always and we thank you in advance for your support with this.</i>
Attendance	<i>Attendance figures remain very high and we look forward to this continuing. All students with full attendance next week (which will include any child self-isolating and attending all lessons online) will be entered into a raffle for a large Easter Egg hamper.</i>

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Coverage of the curriculum	<i>We continue to deliver all of the curriculum to all students. We are looking forward to our second PHSE day of the year on Tuesday 30th March 2021 with a programme from the organisation Ten Ten, Life to the Full, teaching Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) within the context of a Christian understanding of human sexuality rooted in the wisdom and teaching of the Catholic Church. Please contact Mr Murphy, Head of RE/PHSE, for more information.</i>
Remote learning	<i>To ensure the best possible provision for all Year 11s, we are moving to online learning for the remaining days until we break for Easter. All students are expected to attend all their lessons online and, those not isolating, can do so in a supervised environment in school if they so wish. The schedule of Year 11 assessments has been updated (as no assessments are taking place next week) and can be found on the school website under Students then Examinations.</i>
Mental health and wellbeing	<i>The new area of the website focused on wellbeing is up and running and can be accessed here.</i>

The Options Process for Year 9 continues and an overview of this can be found [here](#). Further information along with a video on each subject can be found [here](#) on the website. Please take some time to read and watch with your child.

Year 10 have had assemblies this week focused on our expectations and systems related to home learning. When we return for the summer term, Year 10 students who do not complete their homework, or do not complete it to a satisfactory standard, will serve a detention. Thank you in advance for your support with this, as we work towards getting Year 10 the best outcomes they can possibly achieve. Year 10 assessments in Engineering and PE will continue as planned next week.

Year 7 Parents Evening is taking place on 29th April and information and guidance will follow after the Easter break. A new online system was used successfully yesterday with Year 11 and this will be used again for Year 7. Any parental feedback from Year 11 parents would be gratefully received.

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 weekend and a happy and Holy Easter.

With kind regards,

Mrs Fiona Wright – Headteacher

