



St Antony's
Roman Catholic School

ASPIRE + BELIEVE + ACHIEVE

18th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you've had the opportunity to enjoy this lovely spell of weather. The students have adjusted brilliantly to moving up a year and to the other smaller changes which have been put in place. They make us proud every day.

The Prime Minister's announcement on Monday has obviously had some implications for school. We are replacing the Year 11 Prom (which was to be held at Victoria Warehouse) with a Fun Afternoon at school from 4pm to 7pm on 2nd July. We had a wonderful Leavers Service yesterday with the Class of 2021 and look forward to seeing them again in a fortnight. We are replacing Sports Day at Longford Park with a series of year group based sessions taking place at school. Awards Evening is being replaced with year group online celebrations. I will share further information with you about these soon. It's been a really tough year for all and we are determined to celebrate our Student Stars, even if we can't do it in the traditional way.

You will be very aware I'm sure of the recent increases in positive COVID cases in Trafford and we continue to work hard to do our bit to mitigate the spread of the Delta variant which is rising in prevalence, particularly in Greater Manchester. I regularly meet with the Trafford Public Health team and am delighted to be able to report that St Antony's continues to have low numbers of positive cases, only three since our return to school. None of these cases have led to other students needing to isolate. Testing clearly continues to play a crucial role in the fight against coronavirus. Students should continue to test themselves twice a week and report their results. The email address for the sharing of results with school is CovidTesting@st-antonys.com. **If a child tests positive, please email f.wright@st-antonys.com immediately. This will enable us to contact trace and ensure that we do all we can to prevent any spread.** Further tests are being distributed today. Thank you all for your continued support with the testing process and for keeping your family COVID safe inside and outside of school.

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	The new timetable is now in place and the children have adapted admirably.
Attendance	A small number of students are currently working from home for COVID reasons. Attendance continues to be strong, above both Trafford and national figures. Thank you to all those who ensure that their child is in school, learning.

Bradfield Road, Urmston, Manchester M41 9PD

Tel: 0161 911 8001 Email: stantonys.admin@trafford.gov.uk Website: st-antonys.com

Headteacher: Mrs F Wright



St Antony's
Roman Catholic School

ASPIRE + BELIEVE + ACHIEVE

Coverage of the curriculum	We continue to deliver all of the curriculum to all students. PHSE lessons have restarted and we are looking forward to supplementing these from September with a selection of enrichment sessions. Extra-curricular activities have also restarted with PE after-school clubs, Art & Design trips and the CCF. Our final PHSE Day this academic year is on 13 th July 2021.
Remote learning	We have a very small number of students who, at any one time, continue to learn remotely for COVID reasons. As we move forward, we are looking to take all the positives from the use of technology during the 2021 lockdown and further develop learning, both in the classroom environment and at home.
Mental health and wellbeing	The new area of the website focused on wellbeing is up and running and can be accessed here . Please take a look. The Report Abuse in Schools helpline is now available. The helpline was commissioned by the Department for Education in response to the troubling testimonies of sexual abuse and harassment shared on the Everyone's Invited website. The helpline provides support to those who have experienced abuse at school and parents and teachers who are concerned about sexual abuse in education settings. Young people and adults can contact Report Abuse in Education on 0800 136 663 or email help@nspcc.org.uk

Current Year 9s (who were Year 8s before half term) have a Parents' Review on Thursday 1st July from 5pm to 7pm. Letters have been distributed and the booking system is now open. Conversations will be with the teacher who has taught them for most of this academic year from September 2021, in consultation with any new teacher.

End of year exams start on Monday for the new Year 11s and take place over a fortnight, with other year groups also having subject assessments over the coming weeks. We will be returning to a full Exam Week next academic year for all year groups.

Next year's academic calendar is being slightly amended with 4th October 2021 being inserted as an extra holiday, in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee. Our final INSET day is also confirmed as 27th June 2022.

Please remember to follow both the school's and Public Health guidance to keep everyone learning safely. It's National Thank a Teacher Day next Wednesday (23rd June). If there is anyone you or your child would like to thank particularly, please use this link - [Say "Thank You" card to an amazing teacher today \(thankateacher.co.uk\)](https://www.thankateacher.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

With kind regards,

Mrs Fiona Wright – Headteacher