



# St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support, patience and kind words since the beginning of term. There is no template for opening a school in these exceptional circumstances, and we are finding the best ways to operate over time, and I thank you for your understanding. As you can imagine, the guidance is changing continuously, which means we are amending plans in light of the changes. I apologise in advance for any changes we make that may cause issues; however, I am sure you appreciate that with the circumstances at this time, we are doing the very best that we can.

### **COVID 19**

I would like to reassure you all that we are following our Trust policy, which is guided by the advice from Public Health England, when it comes to any information we receive regarding any suspected COVID cases. This involves:

- advising parents to book a test if their child is displaying COVID symptoms
- school contacting infection control to inform them of any suspected cases
- only the child who is displaying symptoms isolates

It is important that if your child displays any of these symptoms that they are tested for the virus. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils, staff and their families. If the result is negative, the child may return to school. If the result is positive, we will contact Public Health England, to discuss the strategies needed, ie whether a class needs to self-isolate, or a year group. All decisions will be made in consultation with Public Health England.

### **Swimming Lessons**

With regards to the school timetable, we are trying to keep this as routine as possible. In saying this, swimming lessons in Year 4 across the Trust will now be postponed until January, as at this moment in time, we do not know how cases could affect the number of children or staff in school.

### **School Timetable**

The Heads of Year will be sending out a letter within the next week regarding changes within the school timetable. There are current discussions on events like Parents' Evening and the Sacramental Programme for First Holy Communion, so please bear with us whilst we organise this. We have to ensure that what we decide is in line with Public Health

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England guidelines, so this process is taking longer than usual. Please note however, that children are to have their PE kit in with them every day. Ideally, PE kits need to be kept in school until the end of this half term.

### **Assemblies**

Class assemblies will be taking place on a Friday as usual. This will only involve the year group bubble, and no other classes will be able to attend. Parents are invited to watch the assemblies; however, only one parent per child can attend. I know this will disappoint and inconvenience parents, however this is a situation that is beyond our control.

It has been wonderful to see the children settling back into school and their new routine so well. We have been so proud of how they have adapted, as am sure you are too.

Thank you once again for your continuing support.

### **All Blessings**

Mr Peter Johnson

**Headteacher**