



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy



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Headteacher: Mr P Johnson

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to give you an update regarding the current situation at St Anthony's. As you are aware, the lockdown is continuing and I am sure, like many families around the world, there are feelings of frustration at the circumstances we find ourselves in. We must remember as a Catholic school, that in times of difficulty we pull together in unity and strength, following the example of Jesus and the Saints. Their journey was not easy; however, they left a legacy of which we follow in the Catholic Church.

Thank you to all parents supporting the remote learning at the moment. We know you are not just parents, but teachers, TA's, lunchtime organisers, first aiders and, following the news from The Duchess of Cambridge today, hairdressers too! You are doing a fantastic job. Please remember, you are not alone. Do not hesitate to contact school if you need advice or any questions answered.

We are now in a national lockdown which means people must stay at home as much as possible and to not mix with other households. With this in mind, we cannot have group sizes bigger than we currently have. I know I have had to turn away parents this week who have requested places in school. Every time we do this we feel conflicted. Our urge is to say yes, but when we look at the bigger picture of the national lockdown, the resources we have in school, and the need to keep staff safe and well, we have to follow the policy we have in place. Thank you as I know you understand this.

The feedback from teachers is that the work on Class Dojo is very good. Therefore, parents, you are doing a very good job with supporting your child. From next week, the Head of Years will be sending to the children in Year 1 to Year 6 a weekly timetable. This is for guidance and does not mean you have to follow the work pattern in that order at the times suggested. We understand you need to balance the work your child needs to do, the work their siblings need to do and the work you need to do from home. The timetable is there purely to give parents structure if they wish to use it. In the timetable there will be at least three mandatory lessons, i.e. English, Maths and another. There will also be suggestions of activities that children can do and these will involve online resources, e.g., Oak Academy, the National History Museum and the BBC, and they are there as an idea to support parents at this time. The main activities (e.g. English, Maths etc.) are the ones that must be completed and uploaded.

With regards to Reception, staff have issued a Reception timetable via See Saw. As per the timetable for Year 1 to Year 6, this timetable is purely for guidance. Please use this structure if you wish to do so. Any additional activities to support your child's learning in Reception will be sent via See Saw.

Thank you also to the teachers. They are always on call for remote learning.

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- We have approximately 60 children working from home in each year group, and teachers are giving feedback on at least 180 pieces of work a day (3 x 60).
- Each piece of work can take on average 5 minutes to mark and respond to, which is 15 hours of work a day.

This is a mammoth task and one that teachers are doing magnificently. Thank you to the parents who have responded with such positivity.

Please remember when working remotely, to contact teachers via Class Dojo if you have any questions. The children are able to type in questions, and the teachers can respond to these as they would in class. In addition, please ensure that if any photographs are uploaded, that they are of work, and if children are in the photographs that they do so appropriately (i.e. not dressed in pyjamas). Please also note that any videos uploaded by teachers are for Class Dojo only and should not be copied or shared with anyone.

Some families have been allocated devices and have signed an agreement. Please ensure that you follow this agreement.

As a Carer/Parent I agree:

- To encourage the pupil to care for and protect their device
- That the device will not be used for any illegal and/or anti-social purpose.
- To ensure that, if I am aware of any damage to or problems with the device, they are dealt with as soon as possible. (see terms and conditions for support arrangements)
- To ensure that the pupil only uses software already installed on the device, and that no unauthorised software will be installed.
- That Anti-virus software installed on the device must not be uninstalled
- To ensure the pupil takes the following measures to protect the device:
 - Keeps the device in a secure place when not in use
 - Does not leave the device in a car or on show at home
 - Does not eat or drink around the device
 - Does not lend the device to siblings or friends
 - Does not leave the device unsupervised in unsecured areas
- To keep the device in good condition and to return it on demand from the school in the same condition.

As a pupil I agree:

- To look after the device very carefully all of the time.
- To make sure it is kept in a safe place when it is not in use.
- To always carry the device around in the proper bag or box –where provided.

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- To take care when transporting the device and ensure that it is as secure as possible.
- To take reasonable precautions to prevent the introduction of computer viruses.
- To abide by internet safety rules as set by the School.
- To abide by the school's policies concerning internet use, social media and email.
- To not use the device to insult or upset other people or post inappropriate material online.
- To ensure that anti-virus software installed on the device is not uninstalled.
- Not to install any additional software without prior written agreement of the school.

Unacceptable use:

I am aware that the school will monitor the pupil's activity on this device.

I agree that my child will not carry out any activity that constitutes "unacceptable use".

This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Using ICT or the internet to bully or harass someone else, or to promote unlawful discrimination.
- Any illegal conduct, or statements which are deemed to be advocating illegal activity.
- Activity which defames or disparages the school, or risks bringing the school into disrepute.
- Causing intentional damage to ICT facilities or materials.
- Using inappropriate or offensive language.
- Breaking any of the rules set out in the school's policies on internet use, social media and email.

Finally, thank you again for all your hard work and support at this time. If you do need any extra support, please contact school via Class Dojo, the school office or the Nurture Team.

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All Blessings

Mr Peter Johnson

Headteacher

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