



# St. Anthony's

SPECIALIST SCHOOL ●●●

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Dear Parents/Carers

After a very interesting couple of weeks due to COVID I am very pleased to say that all class groups returned to school this week. It will be good to have all pupils attending in the last two weeks of term. As the National Lockdown ends Thanet is **Tier 3: Very High alert**, for areas with a very high level of infections, where tighter restrictions are in place.

In Tier 3:

- you must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, this includes in any private garden or at most outdoor venues
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in some other outdoor public spaces, including parks, beaches, countryside accessible to the public, a public garden, grounds of a heritage site or castle, or a sports facility – this is called the 'rule of 6'
- leisure and sports facilities may continue to stay open, but group exercise classes (including fitness and dance) should not go ahead.
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible.

[Find out more about the measures that apply in Tier 3 areas](#)

## PTFA

The non-uniform day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November raised a brilliant £61 for the PTFA. A huge thank you to everyone. Please don't forget that we have another non uniform day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and look forward to everyone participating in this.

Please also don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for our virtual Christmas raffle from the ladies in the office. We have lots of exciting prizes to be won. This will be drawn on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and prizes can be collected from the office after this.

Thank you once again for all your support in the PTFA especially during these very unusual times.

## KCC SEND Strategy Consultation

As part of KCC ongoing work to improve the collective provision for CYP with SEND, they are pleased to share their draft SEND strategy for consultation. The strategy is an important part of the improvement work we are doing with the NHS, following our inspection of services carried out by OFSTED and CQC in 2019. They have developed the strategy in partnership with children and young people, parents and carers, Kent PACT, NHS and other key stakeholders. The County Education Reference Group comprising headteachers has also been consulted.

The strategy sets out KCC ambitions to make sure that all children in Kent have equal access to support and education that meets their unique needs and that they and their families are supported to live their best life. It also explains how they will shape KCC services for children and their families in a way that improves wellbeing, resilience and learning in our communities.

The strategy and consultation documentation can be found at:

[www.kent.gov.uk/sendstrategyconsultation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/sendstrategyconsultation)

KCC is keen to hear your views about the strategy. The consultation is open from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and will remain open until midnight, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February.



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KCC are also keen to have some focus groups and facilitated discussions with young people, which are likely to be in January 2021. If your school is willing to work with us on this, please also email [sendstrategy@kent.gov.uk](mailto:sendstrategy@kent.gov.uk).

### **Dates**

- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December £1 Non-uniform day
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:
  - COVID Bubbles Christmas Lunch
  - Christmas Jumper Day
  - Christmas Raffle Draw
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December COVID safe In School Mini Fayre for Pupils-more details to follow.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1:15pm close last day of term 2

Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R Page'.

Robert Page  
Headteacher