



St. Anthony's

SPECIALIST SCHOOL ●●

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support this morning in not bringing pupils into school at fairly short notice. The decision I have taken to move to remote learning for the whole school for the last two weeks of term, is not a simple decision but it was the only option that would ensure I am able to keep both pupils and staff safe, and to help stop COVID spreading further.

The positive case was our PE teacher who works across the whole school. In the school risk assessment that was completed prior to opening in September, I was aware that this presented a risk but the risk of pupils not participating in regular PE lessons and our reward sessions was higher. We had put in a range of strategies to reduce this risk.

We have this morning liaised with Public Health England, KCC and school governors. All pupils who were in school on Thursday and Friday and a significant number of staff have been in close contact with the member of staff, so they have been asked to isolate up to and including the 18th December. Pupils will be able to leave their home after the 18th in time to join in with family and festive events.

This means all pupils will be at home for the remainder of this week and next week. We should be able to return to school on the 4th January 2021 providing we are all fit and healthy.

Class teachers will be in touch with you and your child to set up remote learning, this may be learning packs and/or Teams lessons.

If you are entitled to free school meals, we will get vouchers sent out to you in the post before the end of this week.

I know this may be challenging for some of our children but I think this will be the norm for the next couple of terms as we deal with the pandemic. If you have any concerns or worries please contact the school and as always, we will do our best to support you in these challenging times.

Robert Page
Headteacher