



St. Anthony's

SPECIALIST SCHOOL ●●●

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Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance

Last week we averaged 50% pupil attendance across the school with a higher rate in primary classes. Pupils with EHCPs are all classified as vulnerable pupils so have a right to attend school according to the government guidance. But the government has altered its position and now confirms 'all children who can stay at home should stay at home'. To ensure the safety of pupils and staff and minimise contacts, if your child has not been in school please do not start sending them to school without a prior conversation with the school.

So if you change your mind and now wish a place we will need to ensure we are able to accommodate your child within school without this impacting on class numbers so please call.

Remote Learning Offer

Please check the website to see the schools remote offer for those pupils working at home. As always if you need support or have questions about the work please speak to the class teacher.

We still have some laptops available to support home learning please let us know if we can help you. Speak with Antony Curry.

FSM

For pupils who are working remotely and are entitled to Free School Meals we should have vouchers like previous lockdowns, we are ordering them on Wednesday so hope to have them to you shortly. We will be providing two weeks at a time.

For FSM pupils attending school we are providing hot meals each day in school so no vouchers will be provided.

If you have question please call Robert Page.

Transport

We are working with KCC Client Transport to ensure pupils who wish to attend school can access their transport. We have now set up transport routes based on those parents/carers who said they wish their child to attend school. Parents/carers please inform schools and providers of any potential changes as both parties will need to know in any scenario.

In the light of the current situation we may not be able immediately to meet your request for KCC transport, as we will need to liaise with transport and they will need time to liaise with providers. But as always we will do all we can to support you.

Support for families

[Further government support](#) is available for families who are struggling because of coronavirus (COVID-19). If families need urgent help, they can [contact their local council](#) to find out what services are available in their area.

COVID Winter Support

A £170 million [Covid Winter Grant Scheme](#) announced on 8 November 2020 is being run by local authorities in England.

The funding will be ring-fenced, with at least 80% earmarked to support with food and essential utility costs, and will cover the period up to the end of March 2021. Local authorities will receive the funding in the coming month.

It will allow local authorities to directly help the hardest-hit families and individuals over the winter period.

Reducing the chance of catching or spreading the virus in your home

Coronavirus spreads from person to person through small droplets, tiny airborne particles known as aerosols and through direct contact.

To reduce the chance of catching or passing on coronavirus to or from the people you live with, you should:

- wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds
- regularly clean frequently touched surfaces
- make sure you let plenty of fresh air into your home without getting uncomfortably cold. This should be balanced with other considerations such as comfort, safety and security.

There is further guidance on:

- [letting fresh air in](#)
- [grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at increased risk or has possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)
- [households with a possible or confirmed coronavirus infection](#)
- [landlords, tenants and local authorities](#)

Latest Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for Thanet

National lockdown: stay at home.

- You must stay at home. This is the single most important action we can all take to protect the NHS and save lives.
- You must not leave your home unless necessary.
- Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or bubble.

Please remember to – **Wash hands – Cover face – Make space**