



St. Anthony's

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Dear Parents/Carers



It's wonderful to welcome back all the pupils this week. Last Monday we saw the return of all the primary pupils, with secondary pupils coming in twice last week to be tested and returning to lessons this week. It is great to see a full school for the first time in months. Pupils are quickly grasping the schools systems to ensure their safety, as well as peers and staff.

Red Nose Day

We are celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March. We have been selling Noses in school for £1. If you would like to purchase one, please send a pound in with your child. On Friday, it will be non-uniform/wear red for a donation of £1.



Easter

FSM - The COVID Winter Grant Scheme is in place to support individuals, families and children with food and other essentials outside of term-time and will operate through the Easter holidays. We will sort out FSM vouchers before the Easter holidays.

Asymptomatic testing of staff/pupils over the Easter holiday

It is important for staff and students to keep testing through the Easter holidays to manage the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), as part of a regular habit of testing at home every 3-4 days (twice a week). We will be supplying sufficient test kits to enable this to happen.

Test and Trace - The Department of Education has asked schools to continue to support the National Test and Trace programme up until April 7th. So if any pupils or members of staff develop COVID symptoms please let us know, as we will check each day between 10 -11am for any updates. The number to call is **07394 617054**.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week that all adults in households with school age children, without symptoms, can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Secondary school students will continue to access testing through school.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but **strongly recommended** to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Dates

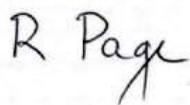
Thursday 1st April last day of term 4 - pupils finish at 1:30

Monday 19th April start of term 5

Friday 30th April Training Day - no pupils in

Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday

Friday 28th May last day of term 5



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