

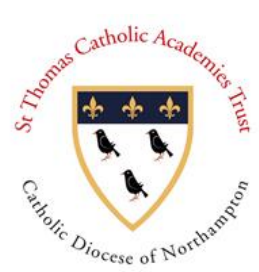


Learning, Growing  
And Living with Jesus

# St. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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"The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive"

## Lockdown Learning

Dear Parents and Carers

There have been a lot of changes over the past couple of days as we make the necessary arrangements for children who are eligible to be in school and, for the vast majority, arrangements for home learning.

This is a challenging time for everyone and there are many questions that you need answers to. Please see below a number of frequently asked questions and the answers to them.

### **Attendance at school**

Can my child come to school?

- The Prime Minister has told everyone to stay at home.
- If both parents are a key critical worker, if your child has an EHCP or has a social worker, a school place will be available. You can find a full list set by the Government [here](#)
- We cannot offer more places because of the national lockdown - everyone should stay at home.

### **Remote learning**

How will you set work for my child working at home?

- Work is set each day on Teams or Tapestry
- Your child has a log in.
- They require a device with an internet connection.

How much work should my child be doing at home?

- Teachers will be doing a combination of live lessons and recorded lessons each day. There are a minimum of 3 live lessons a day, plus pre-recorded lessons. All registrations, story times and prayers are live.
- It is also important to remain physically active while following the lockdown rules so encourage plenty of exercise. Our sports coaches will be putting lessons and challenges on our YouTube channel
- If your child/children have additional needs they might be offered extra support/lessons through interventions. You will be contacted individually about this in order to gain consent and explain the process. Any difficulties or questions should be passed to our SENDco [shayes@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk](mailto:shayes@stanthonys.slough.sch.uk)

How will my child know what to do?

- Each week, a timetable and work will be posted on Teams and on the website under the Covid-19 tab.
- Lessons will take place via Teams and Zoom
- This work will include videos, demonstrations, live teaching and will explain new learning.
- Every morning, each class will have registration and a prayer with their teacher and they will outline the day for them. Teachers have been in contact about how to join.

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- The start times are as follows:
  - Nursery:
  - EYFS: 8.35 am
  - Year 1: 9.05 am
  - Year 2: 8.15 am
  - Year 3: 8.55 am
  - Year 4: 8.25 am
  - Year 5: 8.45 am
  - Year 6: 9.15 am
- Children can message their teacher on Teams if they are not sure what to do, **within school hours**.

How can my child share with their teacher completed work?

- You or your children can upload their work on Teams, either as a document, a photograph or screenshot, using the **turn in** button within assignment for their teacher to check.
- The teacher will tell your child when they need to have done this by.

How will my child maintain social contact with their teacher and classmates?

- Social contact is important.
- The live lessons will enable your child to connect with their teacher and classmates.
- Children can message each other **about classwork** on Teams, remembering to always be **respectful**.
- We will endeavour to hold live worship and assemblies, when possible.
- There will be a story, prayer and reflection at the end of every day. As well as a prayer and registration at the beginning of each day.

How will my child get feedback from their teacher?

- Teachers and teaching assistants will **acknowledge** children's work on Teams. Feedback will be shown in the assignment tab.
- Teachers **might** respond to individuals using the messaging function.
- Teachers will respond to the whole class during the live lessons or with a message to the whole class on Teams.

My child has forgotten their log in - what should I do?

- Contact the school office by phone or by email. Tapestry logins can be reset online. There are instructions for this on our Twitter page.

## Accessibility

What if I do not have a device or internet access?

- We have a limited number of laptops to lend - please contact the school office if you need one.
- There are instructions on our Twitter page of how you can apply for devices and internet access yourself.
- Contact the school office and arrange for paper copies of work (at least a week at a time) from school.
- Online learning can be accessed through an Xbox or PlayStation. Instructions on how to do this can be found on our Twitter page.
- Starting on Monday 11 January, each week day on CBBC will see a three-hour block of primary school programming from 9am, including BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily. These can also be accessed online.

I do not know how to use Teams - what should I do?

- Watch the daily video chat with your child's teacher to listen to the explanation.

- We'll publish guidance shortly on how to use Teams. Children have been accessing this during their time at school so most will know how to use and access.

### Contacting your child's teacher

How can I ask my child's teacher a question?

- You can message your child's teacher on Teams, **within school hours**.
- Please remember that teachers are working in school and may not be able to respond straight away.
- Teachers will only respond during normal working hours.

### Free school meals

How can I get my child's Free School Meals?

- We are investigating this at the moment and will confirm plans with you very shortly.
- This service is for children who receive Free School Meals not Universal Infant Free School Meals. Information on this can be found [here](#).
- If your child/children are eligible for FSM then we will arrange for a hamper to be delivered weekly to you in order for you to make lunches for your child.

### Troubleshooting

I do not know how to help my child with their work - what should I do?

- Follow the advice [here](#).
- Message your child's teacher and ask for advice.

My child is not motivated to do the work - what should I do?

- National lockdowns are difficult for parents.
- Avoid forcing them to work - encourage regular breaks and split work up in to small, manageable chunks.
- Establish a routine and stick to it.
- Praise your child for their effort when you see it.
- If the problem persists, talk to your child's teacher.
- Your child's teaching will motivate them during lessons.

### Behavior expectations

- Children are expected to behave in online lessons in the same way as if they are learning face to face in a classroom.
- Lessons are recorded as evidence of learning and for safeguarding reasons. These are saved securely at school.
- Please ensure that children's cameras are turned off during lessons. They can still talk and use the chat feature on the program and unmute to ask a question.
- If children cannot behave appropriately during online lessons, you will be contacted.
- Lessons are not to be recorded by anyone at home. This includes taking photos of the screen or filming using a device.
- We take safeguarding very seriously at Saint Anthony's and will take appropriate action when/if needed.
- Children should not set up their own TEAMS to chat privately with their friends. Conversations should only be held within the 'chat' feature in the main group. This is to ensure that all children are safe. Please speak with your child about this, particularly in older year groups.

Please do get in contact with us if you have any questions or queries we will do our best to sort them out for you as quickly as possible. This is a new process for our staff also so constructive feedback is most welcome.

We thank you for your continued support especially during this difficult time.



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