

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God

28 August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families remain well and safe, and that you have managed to have some quality rest and relaxation during the summer.

I am extremely grateful to all of our staff who have continued to work hard over the past few months to ensure the school is safe for everybody's return. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back your daughter for the beginning of a new academic year.

Feeling somewhat anxious or nervous about returning to school is completely understandable. It has been many months since we have been together. Please know that we will do everything we can to support our students emotionally, as well as creating a purposeful learning environment.

So that we can target support as much as possible please inform us via email at admin@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk should you have experienced a change of circumstances.

Safe Environment

Keeping our learning family healthy and safe is key. A number of measures have been put in place to make both sites as safe as possible:

- a controlled and staggered start to the academic year. Each year group is now a pod – a unit. We are keen that students see themselves in terms of being a St. Anne's student first and foremost and then as a member of their year group
- full engagement with the *Track and Trace* system
- access to regular hand sanitation
- heightened cleaning regimes and implementation of a one way system on both sites
- designated areas to socialise in and specific times and areas to eat lunch
- students will be regularly briefed on how to keep safe and the importance of adhering to the protective measures

Feeling Unwell

The Department of Education (DfE) guidance is clear that it is vital that **pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive in the last 7 days and that anyone developing those symptoms during the school days is sent home.** If your daughter or a member of your household exhibits symptoms it is vital you arrange a test immediately.

Please be reassured where a positive case is confirmed in our community, we will contact those affected and follow guidance.

Masks

At present the guidance is that students attending St. Anne's are not required to wear masks in school. If your child wants to wear a mask they may do so but it must be worn and disposed of correctly.

Travelling to school

We encourage students to walk or cycle to school where at all possible. Please speak to your daughter about safe and appropriate conduct on public transport and that she must comply with instructions from the driver.

Access to the School

Headteacher: Mrs E. Loveland BA (Hons). NPQH

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We want to reduce the risk of transmission therefore we ask that any documentation that you need to submit is done so by email and that appointments are made to speak/meet with staff in advance.

Physical Education

PE will be different to previous years, and because we can't use the changing facilities in the way we have before, on the days that students have PE they should arrive for school in their PE kit. They will remain in their kit for the whole day.

Behaviour

It is important that our students continue to be exceptionally well behaved. The updated Behaviour Policy will be shared and explained to students during their orientation sessions. Any student whose actions put the health and wellbeing of others at risk will experience consequences, which could result in permanent exclusion.

Continuing to Learn Programme

In the event that we experience another lockdown, full or partial, we are ready to teach students remotely. Please ensure your child has access to a digital device (not just a phone) and the internet. Please inform your daughter's Achievement Leader if this is not the case.

Self Sufficiency

Once students have been resourced we will be avoiding the distribution of paper, pens etc. It is imperative that students spend time each evening making themselves *school ready*, so they arrive self-sufficient and fully prepared for their day.

Appearance

St. Anne's strives to provide a place of learning that has a sense of community and something that is a secure and constant place in our young people's lives. Our uniform plays a key part in creating our identity and students are expected to wear full school uniform correctly at all times.

Exam Results

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our students and what they have achieved. Please visit [@StAnnes_N13](#) to be able to share their joy.

Specific Arrangements

Please refer to the letters sent by Ms Vevers, Mr Delaney and Mr Maguire at the end of Term outlining the specific arrangements for each year group. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any concerns or questions at admin@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk

This may feel a very challenging and uncertain time for our community, however, please know that no one is alone, we will work through this together. In the words of Pope Francis:

"We walk with our people, sometimes in front, to guide, sometimes behind, so that we stay united and sometimes in the middle, to encourage and support".

I would like to wish all our staff, students and families an extremely successful year ahead and wish you all well for the remainder of the summer break.

Yours sincerely



Emma Loveland
Headteacher