



St Aidan's Catholic Academy

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5th January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I write to you in response to the Government announcement last night. The partial school closures will be in place until February half-term at the earliest. This replaces the previous approach, which had different term start dates for different ages of pupils.

In this uncertain time, it is important for all of us that we do not allow our previous endeavours at St Aidan's to fall by the wayside. The onus is now upon students to approach this half-term's remote learning with the maturity we have witnessed throughout the Autumn term.

We understand how disappointed and confused many of our pupils will be at the moment with the constant disruption. Firstly we seek to re-assure you, as parents, that the systems we have in place will fully support your son in his learning journey. As you are aware, staff will be running live lessons which mirror **normal lessons**. Lessons will be live streamed via Teams. It is important that your son understands that during this period of time we will continue to deliver our curriculum as per normal. **Attending all remote lessons and putting in maximum effort at all times is therefore compulsory.** Your son should be logged into TEAMS and join the lesson five minutes before the start with all equipment for learning at hand. The Behaviour Policy and Acceptable User Policy must be followed at all times.

Over the course of the current lockdown we will continue to compile a range of evidence from current performance to capture your son's progress. The evidence we will compile will include:

- Attendance at all remote lessons
- Attitude to Learning
- Homework completion
- Formative and summative assessment
- Completion and standard of work

We always strive to offer the best possible remote experience for your son, but it is perhaps inevitable that some minor technical issues will arise. Please rest assured that any initial teething problems will be rectified very swiftly. If your son has any problems accessing the remote learning platform including TEAMS logins, please contact Mr Daniel Naughton via email daniel.naughton@staca.co.uk.

At St Aidan's we are committed to safeguarding and should you be concerned about any safeguarding issues for remote learners during this week, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Hogg via email for support and guidance gemma.hogg@staca.co.uk.





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We do hope that you as parents will support us in our efforts to ensure your son gets the very best from this period of time. We appreciate that this period is stressful for all and we thank you in advance for your support. We want the very best for your son and believe we have the correct systems in place to enable this. As ever, we will continue to review our own policies and procedures to ensure your son receives the very best education possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Sanderson

