

01 April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

We have come to the end of what has been a very unusual spring term and hopefully the outlook is much more positive now and we have seen an end to the lockdowns and the increase in cases of COVID. We will remain vigilant at school and continue with all of the safety measures that have been in place throughout the pandemic.

The school/college is beginning to ease some of the restricted movements around school and the students are now operating in larger group bubbles. The improvement in the weather has enabled everyone to have greater access of the outdoor spaces in particular the new track that was laid on the field in the half term holiday. not only have they been walking around the track a lot of the young people have been using the new bikes that we have purchased in a bid to get everyone more active.

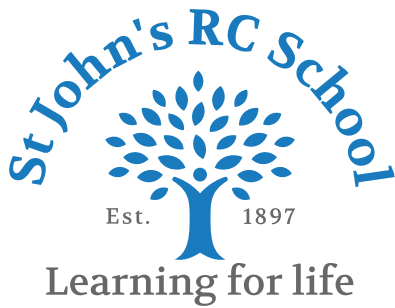
Testing kits will continue to be sent home to those secondary aged students and above who are able to complete the testing at home but on its own Asymptomatic testing will not prevent the transmission of COVID-19 but used with other tools available it will help us to; Identify and help prevent staff, students and pupils without symptoms from transmitting and spreading the virus unknowingly. It will also allow the school/college to operate as safely as possible by self-isolating those that are identified as being contagious as soon as possible. The testing is voluntary and students will be allowed to attend school even if they decide not to take part in the testing.

I will be pleased to welcome all of those young people who have been shielding back to school/college after the Easter holidays.

Could I also suggest that you notify your transport provider that you will require your young person to be collected from the 21st April if you have not already done so.

If anyone in your household or your young person develops any COVID symptoms please notify the school immediately and keep your young person at home until the test results have been received and they are negative or follow the self-isolation guidelines if a positive result is recorded.

I have also made the difficult decision to cancelled our planned sports and fun day that was due to take place on Saturday 10th July, with all the uncertainty around COVID and the amount of planning and organisation it takes I felt this was the best course of action under the circumstances. We will however be organising some fun, sports related activities for the students in the last week of term so they won't miss out.



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Lastly, I would like to publicly thank the staff, teaching and support, who have worked tirelessly over the past very difficult year for the benefit of the pupils and school/college

Have a lovely Easter holiday and thank you for all of your support .

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Killilea', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Wendy Killilea
Head of School