



7th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Easter 2020

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to thank all parents and members of the community for their support and words of encouragement to all staff during these difficult times. I would also like to publicly thank all of the staff at St James' who have been continuing to support the learning and wellbeing of pupils.

It goes without saying that this has been the strangest, most surreal period of time we have ever experienced. The school has stayed open for those children of key workers to enable them to carry out their work supporting the NHS, care workers and other key roles. We recognise that these roles must continue during this holiday when the usual childcare is not available.

In the meantime, Year 11 should continue to be academically active maintaining regular practice on English and Maths and those who are going on to further education, should also concentrate on studying the subjects they intend to take next year.

It is becoming clear that the need for us to stay at home will continue for weeks to come. I would encourage pupils to maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle during the 'lock down' i.e. good sleep patterns, healthy diet, appropriate exercise and keeping themselves mentally and academically healthy with regular reading and school work on Show my Homework.

Children and Young People are equally as likely to catch the coronavirus, Covid-19, as any other age group in the population. Therefore, they have a very important role in reducing the spread of the infection so that the health service can manage in these extraordinary times. It is very important that young people do not physically mix with others outside of their household, difficult though this can be.

Please do try to find time to celebrate Easter in your homes as we look forward to the resurrection despite the difficulties we find ourselves in. Even though we may not be able to access our churches in the usual way, we are still able to join in Easter services; you may find these links useful.

<https://www.facebook.com/stannscatholic>

<https://stpeterscatholic.church/webcam-2/>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and Holy Easter.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher