



# Academy Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Autumn Term

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We hope that you all had an enjoyable summer. It has been lovely to welcome back the pupils to the Academy for their first full week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for bearing with us following our risk assessment guidance, social distancing and bringing your children back extremely well prepared to learn. The children's behaviour has been exemplary.

As you will have seen in the news over the last few days, the rate of infection of COVID-19 has increased. It is important to note that this is unlikely to be linked to school openings. However, it is likely that at least some families and pupils will come into contact with individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and equally as winter approaches general illnesses tend to be more prevalent.

As clarification, if anyone in your household has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 they should get a test as soon as possible and all members of the household should stay at home until you get the result. The main symptoms are:

- A HIGH TEMPERATURE - This means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A NEW, CONTINUOUS COUGH - This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE - This means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you undertake a COVID-19 test please inform the Academy immediately of the results of the test and then follow this guidance:

1. "If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
2. If someone tests positive, they should follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days."

If someone in your family comes into contact with an individual with COVID-19, they should self-isolate but, the rest of the family do not need to self-isolate unless the family member develops COVID-19 symptoms. Please remember that other illnesses exist as well and students who feel unwell will not necessarily have COVID-19.

It has been fantastic to have all pupils back in the Academy for the last week and the work in lessons has been excellent, we just need to ensure that this can continue indefinitely and parental support in following the above guidance and attached leaflet is critical in achieving this.

## Card Payments

The Academy is now accepting card payments. Should you have an outstanding balance or wish to make a purchase, please contact the Academy Office and we will arrange meeting you at the Academy Gate to take payment. Card payments will automatically create a receipt. If you choose not to pay by card we can create a receipt for you.



## KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6) Academy Dinners

Please note that Academy meals cost £2.25 each and must be paid for in advance. This can be done by pre-booking your child's meal online or topping up your child's account using the School Gateway system.

If you are having problems accessing this app or you need further support in doing so, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy Office.

## Stars Increase 2020

As you are aware the Academy has increased their cost of Stars sessions from April 2020. All sessions that are not pre-booked will also incur an admin charge and this will be reflected on your child's School Gateway account. Please see the prices below.

Session Name	Cost	Ad-Hoc
Breakfast	£6.00	£7.50
FSM* Breakfast	£2.50	£3.00
Sibling Discount Breakfast	£5.50	£6.50
Twilight <i>(latest collection 4:30pm)</i>	£6.00	£7.50
FSM* Twilight <i>(latest collection 4:30pm)</i>	£2.50	£3.00
Sibling Discount Twilight <i>(latest collection 4:30pm)</i>	£5.50	£6.50
Evening <i>(latest collection 5:30pm)</i>	£13.00	£15.50
FSM* Evening <i>(latest collection 5:30pm)</i>	£7.00	£8.00
Sibling Discount Evening <i>(latest collection 5:30pm)</i>	£12.00	£14.50



\*FSM – Any pupils in receipt of Free School Meals Funding



Please help the PTA to raise money by purchasing your child's name tags from <http://www.mynametag.com>

**Academy's ID number: 31250**

## Free School Meal Reminder

If your child is now in Year 3 we would like to remind you that you are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals and are in receipt of certain benefits please contact the Academy Office for further information.

## **Curriculum Information**

During the first few weeks back at the Academy, we are delivering a transition curriculum as pupils return to their learning. Our aim is to encourage a sense of community across the entire Academy, to reflect on the last few months, and also help the whole Academy look forward to the future in a positive way. The unit of work has been devised for all classes to work together using a single text. It is based around the book 'Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth by Oliver Jeffers'. There is a link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPPQdDwTUvE>, which you might like to share with your children at home. We hope that by completing daily lessons around this text, pupils will have an opportunity to talk about and express their feelings on these different and sometimes challenging times. At the end of the unit pupils will be able to share their own notes for living on Planet Earth, supporting everyone to move forward positively. We are looking forward to seeing what they produce.

## **Wednesday Word**

Every Wednesday, your child will share the Wednesday Word in class with their teacher. The Wednesday Word is a way of sharing the Sunday Gospel with families through schools and enriching the Home, School and Parish partnership. If you would like to access the Wednesday Word, to share with your child at home, please use the link below:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=2.2>

## **Ten Ten - Resources and Activities to Share at Home**

Even though things are a little different at the moment and we cannot share collective worship between bubbles in our usual way (whole school weekly liturgies, hymn practices and assemblies) we continue to worship together safely in our classrooms. One of the resources we are using is produced by Ten Ten, an award-winning Catholic educational organisation. Ten Ten produce a monthly newsletter for parents which provides resources and activities to share with your child at home. These are linked to, and inspired by, the assemblies the children will be partaking in class. Please use the link below, which can also be found on the Academy website, under the Catholic Life at Home tab, to access the newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/>

## **Live Stream Mass – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10:00am**

On Thursday 17th September, Father David from St. James the Great in Petts Wood, will be reading Mass for all the Catholic Schools in Bromley. This will be live streamed at 10am, however the Mass can be accessed at a later time if this time is not suitable. The children will worship together in their bubbles at St. Peter and St. Paul and each school has been invited to contribute to the bidding prayers.

If you would like to celebrate the Mass at home, the link will be shared as soon as it becomes available. For more information please access St. James the Great website using: <http://www.stjamespettswood.org/livestream/>

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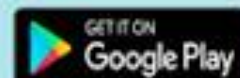
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## Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Events
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Last day for Flu Vaccination to be returned
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Individual Class Photographs (more information to follow)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	INSET Day
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	INSET Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	Return to the Academy
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Flu Vaccinations
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of Autumn Term