



Academy Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2020

Autumn Term

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Once again we would like to thank you for your continued support at the Academy so we are able to put the safety and well-being of our pupils as a priority.

Traditionally, at this time of year pupils and staff tend to experience a range of mild illnesses. The start of the year is always a time when we see a rise in such illnesses; however this is more complicated this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There are many similarities between Covid-19, seasonal flu and the common cold and we appreciate that making the decision as a parent is increasingly difficult in these uncertain times. Advice can be sought from your local pharmacy, GP or by dialling 111. Should you feel the situation is an emergency please dial 999.

As an Academy, we continue to advise you to follow the government's guidance on self-isolation and access to a coronavirus test within 3 to 5 days if anyone is experiencing one or more of the symptoms outlined below. If the test is negative the child and the family can stop isolating and return to the Academy/work if they feel well enough. We appreciate the difficulty in securing tests, but this advice is precautionary.

Covid-19 symptoms:

- 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

Cold Symptoms - Your child may come to the Academy and will not be sent home with one of the following:

- A blocked or runny nose
- A sore throat
- Headache

Please also make reference to the letter sent out yesterday regarding NHS Test and Trace and the 'COVID-19 Related Pupil Absence - A Quick Reference Guide for Parent's attached to this newsletter.

We thank you for your support of the Academy and the steps we are taking to strike a balance between safety and education.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank you to those of you who are taking precautions at the gates to reduce the risk of transmission between adults.

May we remind you of the government guidance to **stay 2 metres apart** from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings). Additionally, please try to keep yourselves and your children safe, particularly on the rural track, by standing on the pavement, so that vehicles have clear access to the entrance. For those of you with a short wait, please monitor your children's behaviour at these times so we are being considerate to our neighbours.

We do understand that there may be the odd occasion that you may be late for drop off and pick up due to traffic. If possible, please inform the Academy of this in advance so we are aware of the situation. However, we would like to urge you to be as prompt as possible for the staggered start and finish times as we would like to avoid pupils crossing into different bubbles. Additionally due to the new timings of the day, we have a reduced capacity of staff to collect/drop off pupils outside of their set start time. If you are late to collect your child at the end of the day, your child will be placed into Stars and you may incur a charge.

Stars Prices 2020

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

Individual Photographs

Tuesday 29th September 2020

Individual Photographs will be taken on Tuesday 29th September 2020. Please ensure your child is in full winter uniform. Unfortunately siblings that do not attend the Academy or Nursery children that do not do a attend on a Tuesday (AM) session will not be able to have their photograph taken. This is due to the Academy adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines and remaining within allocated bubbles. We aware this may be frustrating and we could not agree with you anymore, however it is our responsibility to ensure that pupils and staff at St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy remain safe at all times.

If Tuesday is your child's PE day (Year 5, Year 3 and EYFS) we ask that on this occasion your child attends the Academy dressed in full winter uniform.

Bromley Local Offer

Bromley Parent Voice events:

- My child has SEND - what support is available? Tuesday 22nd September, 10-11 am via ZOOM
- My child has dyslexia - what support is available? Tuesday 29th September, 10-11 am via ZOOM with the Bromley Dyslexia Association

If you would like to attend, please email info@bromleyparentvoice.org.uk to register your place and to submit your questions.

SEND survey for children and young people returning to school after lockdown: 'My lockdown experience and returning to a new normal'

A local survey has been designed to capture Childrens/Young Person's thoughts and feelings about the lockdown period and how they have felt about returning to school. The survey closes on **Wednesday, September 30th** and input from children with SEND and their families is welcomed. This survey can be found [here](#) and also [here](#).

Rebuild and recover with Mentally Healthy Schools

Mentally Healthy Schools has created a set of resources to help make the transition back to school easier for everyone, and help the whole school community rebuild and recover. Please use the link below to access the resources which contain advice and guidance for parents, and simple activities for children to complete at home.

Wednesday Word

If you would like to share the Sunday Gospel with your child at home, please use the link below to access the Wednesday Word. The publication suggests discussion points and activities, and serves as a link between parish, home and school.

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Harvest Food Bank Collection - Friday 25th September

Thank you to everyone who donated cereal for our local foodbank. This will make a huge difference to many families in our local community.



Extended Learning

We are no longer setting 'Homework' for the pupils to bring to and from the Academy. Instead we have added an 'Extended Learning' tab on each class page, where you will find activities to carry out at home, linking to the learning in class. This may take the form of worksheets or online games. The children will not be expected to return this work. Spellings and Times Tables will continue to be set on a Monday and be tested on the following Monday.

The 'Home Learning Blog' tab will now be used if we have any pupils isolating so they can continue their learning at home.

Diary Dates

Diary Dates	Events
29 th September 2020	Individual Class Photographs
23 rd October 2020	INSET Day
26 th October 2020	Half Term
2 nd November 2020	INSET Day
3 rd November 2020	Return to the Academy
15 th December 2020	Flu Vaccinations
18 th December 2020	Last day of Autumn Term