



Bishop Stopford's School

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29th March 2021

Dear Families,

As we approach the Easter break, we look forward to rest and rejuvenation. Easter is a time for new beginnings and re-focus. Over the last year, we have had to learn to adapt to different ways of living, working, learning and keeping ourselves and loved ones safe. I am so very proud of our students, they have been so resilient and risen to every challenge. The last few weeks back in school have been an absolute delight. I know that the staff and the students have really missed being together and learning together in their usual way. The classrooms and playground have once more been filled with joy and laughter reminding us again just how special our school is.

COVID TESTING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

During the Easter holidays we want our families to stay safe, whilst enjoying some relaxing of the Covid restrictions. As you are aware the school has been encouraging all of our families to take part in Lateral Flow testing to prevent the spread of the virus and prevent the virus from entering the school and impacting on our school community. Since our return, I am pleased to inform you that we have no reported positive cases of COVID-19. To help us to continue to protect your child and others in the school, please ensure that you continue to test twice a week throughout the Easter holidays and on the evening of Sunday 18th April before we return to school on the 19th April. The school will be sending home additional test kits this week to all families.

The School and you still have a role to play in track and trace for positive cases once we have closed. You will only need to notify **the School** by email at covid@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk about a child testing positive for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms before midnight on 3rd April, 2021. If they were last in school on 1st April, this will allow us to track all school contacts within the preceding 48-hour period, so that we may inform them of the need to isolate for 10 days.

If a child tests positive using a Lateral Flow test (LTD) at home this should be followed up with a PCR test. We ask that once tested, if you or someone in your household is positive, you email the school immediately at covid@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk. This will apply if the school is open or closed. We will be monitoring this email address to help ensure that effective plans are in place to mitigate against the spread of the virus. If your child develops symptoms from Sunday, 4th April 2021, the School does not need to take further action, but you should engage with the NHS test and trace service. The School may contact you up until 7th April to notify you of positive cases.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline will be open every day over the Easter holidays to answer any questions you have about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education settings and children's social care. Over the bank holiday weekend (Friday 2 April to Monday 5 April), lines will be open from 10am to 4pm. Phone: 0800 046 8687

ENSURING THAT YOU RECEIVE YOUR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, IF ELIGIBLE

All those in receipt of Free School Meals will receive an eCode Payment Voucher for the Easter Holidays 2nd-16th April – this is for £45. The e-code will be issued by Edenred and will be sent to your e-mail address. Please note this code must be redeemed by the 7th April (it cannot be reissued) but the supermarket voucher can be spent after this date. If you have any queries please contact the school by e-mail generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk or 07401 360043.



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VIRTUAL WELCOME EVENING FOR YEAR SIX

It was lovely to see so many of our new families at the Year Six Welcome Evening on Thursday, 11th March, 2021. Families were able to meet our staff members and gain more insight into the School and how we will be working with their children moving forward into the new academic year. The event is always an exciting opportunity to meet new members of the School and welcome them to our family. The evening was extremely well attended and we were treated to some wonderful vocal and musical performances by our talented students. I look forward to working with the New Year 7 students in September 2021.

YEAR 11 AND 13

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students continue to remain focused on their examination subjects and have adjusted well to the changes that have been implemented this year. Within all subjects, students continue to be provided with opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge and skill that they have acquired throughout the course, via mini-assessments, class work and home learning activities. On Friday 26th March, the Joint Council for Qualifications published further guidance to parents and students with regards to this year's examination results which can be found via the following link <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

A THOUGHT FOR EASTER

Christians believe that Jesus, throughout his ministry, reached out to those who had been wronged, oppressed or who had been marginalised by society.

For those who have suffered during this time it can be comforting to know that Jesus himself suffered and was mistreated; that He is someone who can truly empathise with your situation. At Easter we remember the sacrifice that Jesus paid for us on the cross showing his love for us. As we close for Easter let us take time to reflect on those who have shown sacrificial love to us and let us take action and show love and kindness to someone beyond ourselves.

If you have been finding this period of the pandemic difficult there are many resources which can support you through this. **Enfield Thrive Together** has an excellent range of support which you can access via this link: <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/if/coronavirus-covid-19/>. If you are suffering from a bereavement we would like to know as we may be able to support you through this period. Contact us on the usual email and we will refer you to the most appropriate member of staff: generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk

One of our talented Year 9 students has been busy recording songs for Easter and if you would like to hear one of his uplifting songs of worship please click on this link :- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYYI8stGtks>

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of term will be Thursday 1st April, 2021. Students will be dismissed at lunch time, which means that there will be a staggered end to the day. For Year **8, 9, and 10** students will be dismissed at **12.15pm**. Students in Year **7, 11, 12 and 13** students will be dismissed at **1.15pm**. For all students eligible for a free school meal or for those who have pre-ordered, lunch will be available for them to collect before they leave school.

SUMMER TERM ARRANGEMENTS

We look forward to our return to school on Monday, 19th April, 2021 at the usual times, hopefully along with the sunshine.

I do hope that you have the opportunity to get out into the fresh air over the Easter break, and I would like to wish everyone in our family a reflective and peaceful Easter.

Very best wishes,



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