



Saint Edmund Arrowsmith

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

11th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for all the support you have given your son/daughter in helping them engage with remote learning this half term. Staff and governors have been delighted with the positive engagement that pupils have demonstrated and the overwhelming support that you have given us to make this happen.

The outcome of the parent and pupil survey we sent out two weeks ago tells us that our pupils feel supported to learn in this situation by their teachers, they are finding that on the whole they can access and upload the work being set and that they appreciate the feedback that their teachers are providing verbally, and in the chat function on MS Teams.

You have also shared with me that your preferred platforms for communication are Class Charts and our school web site. If you do not have a Class Charts log in and would like once please email Mrs Helme admin@seaonline.org.uk and she will help you set up an account.

Some parents have suggested that some further training on the use of MS Teams would be an advantage. Mrs Price and Miss Bellard have been working hard to become our MS Teams experts and we are providing weekly updates for staff. I am sure that you can recognise that this has been a period of learning and development for us all.

Our ofsted monitoring visit last week was a challenging, constructive and affirming experience. A letter for parents will be published by ofsted in the next three weeks.

Knowsley council have confirmed that they will fund vouchers for pupils in receipt of free school meals over half term. This voucher will be issued by wondee. Please can those families check their email and text messages to take receipt of the voucher for next week.

The plans for after half-term are that we will continue with the current way of working. The Prime Minister is due to make an announcement on 22nd February 2021 regarding next steps for wider opening of schools and possible release from some of our isolation restrictions. Once I know what these requirements are I will share a plan with you.

Can I remind any parent that requires a Key Worker place for their child in school that they need to book a place before 2pm on the Friday the week before. This can be done by calling school or emailing admin@seaonline.org.uk

I am also waiting for feedback from OFQUAL and the Department for Education regarding what will be expected of year 11 about how they will be assessed this year. Again once I have been told what is expected I will share the school plan with Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers.

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If your child has been accessing a place in school during the last week of this half term and they develop covid 19 symptoms or test positive for Covid 19 during the half-term break, please email admin@seaonline.org.uk so we can instigate our in school track and trace process.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff on your behalf: teachers for their live lessons, our pastoral and inclusion team for making calls home so we can all stay in touch, and the support staff and ICT team for responding to all your requests efficiently and effectively. Nothing is perfect, however I am very proud of the service and learning experience they have provided our pupils and their families this half term.

The final thanks goes to our young people who have shown resilience in adversity and engaged well with their remote learning. Enjoy the half-term break and take the opportunity to have some down time from your screens.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Pinnington'.

H Pinnington (Mrs)

Headteacher