



St Andrew the Apostle

Greek Orthodox School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you, your children and your extended family are safe and well.

I am writing with a brief update for the week and also to let you know that I will be sending you a newly revised weekly Newsletter starting on Friday 15 January. Please look out for this Newsletter as it is packed with important news and events that you and your children will find very useful.

A reminder that all remote learning will continue to take place through Microsoft Teams and Classcharts until further notice. From today, Monday 11th January, all students will be taught online according to their usual timetable, including Form Time. Students should be online and ready to learn at 8.30 each day.

I would like to update you about the national picture regarding the issue of Free School Meal vouchers. We understand that the Department for Education is to launch a national scheme for the payment of Free School Meal vouchers. As was the case in the lockdown last year, it is the school's preference to use the national voucher scheme. We hope that the scheme is launched this week and if so, we will immediately order vouchers to be issued to eligible parents. If there is any delay to the launch of the national scheme beyond this week, we will pursue alternative arrangements to ensure vouchers are issued to parents without further delay. Thank you for your patience and please do let us know if you need any help and support in the interim.

It is vitally important that all of our students engage with remote learning and achieve well. We are here to support you in removing any barriers and to work with you to ensure that remote learning is as productive as possible. For any queries, please contact admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk marked for the attention of your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year.

On the next page, you will find some helpful links if you are showing COVID symptoms and wish to book a PCR test or if you are not showing any symptoms and wish to be tested using a Lateral Flow test.

Thank you for your continuing support during these challenging times. Please be assured of our ongoing commitment to providing for your children's learning and well-being during these coming weeks of lockdown.

With best wishes and prayers that you and your loved ones are safe.

Mrs Indira Warwick
Headteacher



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Covid-19 news

COVID-19 The number of cases of COVID-19 remain very high in the local area. It is very important that we all follow the government rules and guidance to ensure we all stay safe and well. Please read the information below and ensure that you are tested if you have symptoms and that you also self-isolate for 10 days to limit the spread. The purpose of the national lockdown is to minimise the number of contacts we have with one another and this is really important in the national fight against the virus. Can I remind the parents of children currently attending our school, that if you, your child or any other family member develops any COVID symptoms, you must book a test immediately and all self-isolate until the results are received. You must in turn notify us at school of this.

Helpful website

You may book to have a PCR test at a local test centre if you have symptoms: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

All residents without symptoms including staff and students can be tested for coronavirus using a Lateral Flow test at a local community test site in all London Boroughs.

For Enfield, click [here](#).

For Haringey, click [here](#).

For Barnet, click [here](#). In Barnet, the community test sites for Lateral Flow tests are launching today, Monday 11 January. The sites are: Colindale Library; Hendon Leisure Centre; Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. More sites are planned in the coming weeks.