



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 26th March 2021

Welcome to our round up of news and information for the week.

Parent Feedback – Remote Learning Offer – Spring term 2021

If you haven't yet completed our remote learning feedback questionnaire, please do so by following the link below. Thanks to all who have already done so.

Action:

Please click on this [link](#) to provide feedback. Paper feedback forms are available from the school office.

Lent Appeal 2021 – Friday 26th March 2021



We had a great response to our mufti lent appeal today, as the picture shows. Many of the eggs will go to residents of local care homes and the remaining cards will be taken to the local foodbank. Every egg will go to a grateful recipient. Thank you all for your generosity.

Thursday 1st April – End of Term – Early Closure

Thursday 1st April is the final day of term. The school closes at 1:30pm. The school will reopen to all pupils on Monday 19th April.

COVID notification during the Easter Holidays

Should your child or a member of your household develop COVID symptoms, test positive for COVID or be notified by NHS Test and Trace to isolate, please contact the school office by email on:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk This is really important, as it enables us to contact any members of the school community who may have been exposed to the virus.

We notify all families of a positive case in school and then contact individual families where their child has been identified as a direct contact.

COVID Asymptomatic Testing for all families

Asymptomatic testing – testing for adults who are not showing any symptoms of COVID – is available for adults in all families connected to the school. It is important that as many people as possible take part in this testing, as up to 1 in 3 people infected with COVID have no symptoms. This means that these people will likely infect many others without even realising it. None of us want to be the one who brings the infection to a vulnerable relative.

Asymptomatic Lateral Flow testing (LFT) is available free of charge for all adults in school households. The test is relatively straightforward to administer to yourself at home. The test takes 30 minutes to give a result.

Any parent or carer with a child in school can collect free LFT test kits to use at home. You can collect kits from the Twickenham test centre as well as other centres across the borough. I attach a document with more information to this Round Up. Please do consider participating as it helps to mitigate the risk for us all.

Catch Up – National Tutoring Programme

Mrs Cossar has been coordinating the plans for tutoring next term. We shall be using the National Tutoring programme to support up to 120 pupils across the school. Tuition will be delivered in four blocks of three weeks. Two blocks before the May half term and two after the May half term. Mrs Cossar has now sent all the letters to parents of pupils who will receive tuition. If you have received a letter and are happy for your child to participate you do not need to take any further action. Only return the letter if you do not wish your child to participate. Tuition will take place in school, during the school day.

In addition to the NTP tuition, we will be bringing in a couple of additional teaching assistants to support additional catch up work across the school in the summer term, as well as teachers adapting their plans to provide whole class catch up provision.

Data Processing Notice

In order to make the school's Computer Coding curriculum software more accessible, we shall be using pupil data from our management information system to create individual pupil accounts. I have attached to this newsletter a data processing notice that explains this new procedure. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Roy via the office email: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

School Uniform Grant

One of the aims of our school uniform approach is to keep the cost of the uniform to a minimum. Most aspects of the uniform can be bought in large supermarkets and clothing stores. A few of the branded items can only be bought from the school, as they are specifically branded. We keep the prices at cost, so as to keep the uniform costs to parents as low as possible.

I know that this is a difficult financial time for some. If you are struggling with uniform costs, you may be eligible to support from the local authority's school uniform grant scheme. Please follow this [link](#) to find out more.

Cycle Training – Years 5 & 6

Miss Browne, our School Travel Plan leader, is working to re-arrange cycle training that was due to take place earlier this year. We hope to be able to offer cycle training places to pupils in Years 5 & 6 during the week of 26th April 2021. Miss Browne will send out letters of invitation, next Monday. Please complete and return the letter by start of day on Wednesday 31st March 2021.

Action:

Year 5 and 6 parents – Look out for cycle training letters on Monday, complete and return them to school by start of day Wednesday 31st March, to sign your child up for training.

Peripatetic Instrument Lessons – Years 3 & 4 – Brass & Ukulele

The peripatetic lessons for pupils who signed up last autumn will start in the week beginning 26th April 2021. If you have signed your child up for lessons, you need to pay the balance by Friday 16th April 2021. If your child is going to learn a brass instrument, we shall contact you next week with details for arranging instrument hire through Hounslow Music Service. Pupils learning the ukulele, will need to have their own ukulele in time for their lesson.

Action:

Complete payment of the balance by Friday 16th April on Parentpay. Brass pupils – look out for details on instrument hire next week. Ukulele pupils – please purchase a ukulele before the first lesson in week beginning 26th April.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Family Food Club

The Family Food Club is excited to be launching this Easter, providing fresh and free takeaway meals, food parcels and activities to any family with children that is in need of a helping hand.

Launched by a group of local volunteers, this club will run at lunchtime on Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th April for families to come and collect a takeaway hot meal, offering a choice of meat and vegetarian dishes. Food collection will be from St Johns Church Hall on St Johns Rd, TW7 6RU and will be compliant with COVID safety guidelines.

To book a collection slot please contact rachelmaclure@stjohnsisleworth.org.uk or text 07939472323 (Rachel).

I have attached a leaflet with more information on the Family Food Club to this Round Up.

Free Easter Holiday Activities for Benefits Eligible Free School Meal Pupils

As part of the Local Authority's support for families during the COVID pandemic, they are offering free places to pupils who receive benefits eligible free school meals over the Easter Holidays. The places are limited, so please sign up fast if you are interested.

I have attached details of the clubs on offer to this bulletin.

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To contact the school, please send an email to office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

To contact the Chair of Governors: chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk