



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope that we have all found a new rhythm and way of going about our daily lives in these strange and uncertain times. Thank you for supporting your child/ren with their work on firefly. We hope this week it has been more settled for you and you have been able to access it more easily.

## A levels and GCSEs

We have had the information today about the awarding of GCSEs and A levels. I have included the link to it here. [https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Letter\\_to\\_students\\_-\\_Summer\\_2020\\_grading.pdf](https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

## Easter Holidays

I wish you all the very best for the holiday period and for a Happy and Holy Easter. It is important that our students have some down time and rest from their work and studies. I know it will all be very new and different for us all but I hope there is some relaxation and celebration. It will be strange to have an Easter season when we cannot go to church and when we cannot go out for the day or go on holiday as many of us would normally do.

## Partial Opening

We continue to stay open for the students who are key worker children or vulnerable. We aim to keep this going throughout this difficult time. We are open over the Easter for the few students who need the provision. We have contacted those who we believe are eligible. If you need to check please email [support@stfrancis.cc](mailto:support@stfrancis.cc).

## FSM and provision

As of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, we started a weekly hamper service for those children in receipt of Free School Meals. This covers the term time provision for a midday meal. If you are eligible we have sent you a letter asking about this.

Please note these will recommence after the Easter break. The first will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April to allow the delivery of fresh stock. Please come to the school reception from 1pm onwards and we will give you your hamper. Please be patient with us and note social distancing. The School is open for collection of hampers until 3.30pm.

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If you have a query please use the email [support@stfrancis.cc](mailto:support@stfrancis.cc). and put PHN-FSM hampers in the subject.

If you are now in a position where you think you could be eligible to apply please read the attached letter: <https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FSM-update-24-03-20f-1.pdf>

### **Teaching and Learning**

Firefly uploads will recommence on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April after the Easter holidays.

### **Wellbeing**

We have started to put some information and messages up in the COVID section of the website. Please look out for the photo messages of support to our students and their families from the staff.

We know that these are sad and uncertain times. We are aware that some families have had bereavements; this is always hard but especially difficult in these days of social distancing. We keep all in our prayers and thoughts. Please do contact us if you want us to be aware of situations in your home life as you would do when we are all in school. We can support and help.

### **Safeguarding**

We are still totally committed to ensuring the safeguarding of our whole community. Some of you will be contacted by us to check all is safe and well. Our duties have not changed just because school is not open. It is essential that we have the correct contact details for you; ***if you have a new mobile number; have moved house or changed your place of work please advise us as soon as possible of your new details. This is vital please.***

### **Trips etc.**

Please can we request that you are patient with us. We are dealing with trips and events that have been paid for one at a time. This is a slow and new process as these are unprecedented times. We will ensure that we do all we can to enable this to happen as quickly and smoothly as possible.

### **We say goodbye**

We wish Mrs Brautlecht (MFL department) and Miss Richardson (SEND department) as they leave to take up new ventures. We thank them for their service to our school community.

I will send a letter over the holiday period if there is new information for you. If not, I will write after the Easter Holidays.

Many thanks for your continued support in these difficult days and wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter,

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Hanrahan

Headteacher