



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

Headteacher Ms P M Hanrahan BA (Hons)

1st May 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Hope you are all well as we end this week. Thank you to you all for your support and hard work in helping us with the daily work with your children. Email dialogue is a good way of ensuring that we all can work together as best we can at the moment.

I have no new news in terms on when we will be back in school or how that might look. I know that Boris Johnson has told us we should know some plans next week as we near the end of the second phase of lockdown.

Charity Fundraising in Lockdown

Please can I highlight two sponsored events that we would ask you to share so that awareness is raised. If you are in position to donate to St Giles' Hospice or the NHS charities that would be gratefully received.

Fundraiser by Sam Green year 12

During lockdown, Sam Green in Year 12 set himself the challenge of running 100km in 10 days to raise money for the NHS. Sam completed his challenge in only 7 days which is a fantastic achievement and is up to £800 in donations. Please find attached the link to his challenge and if possible please support.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/100kForTheNHS?utm_medium=social&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&rcid=09bf4622a19a4dbbaf8ad0fc4fad39ae

Well done to Sam; this is a fantastic effort.

Fundraiser for St Giles' Hospice.

Mrs Muir has set us all up with a challenge. She is asking us to have an Orange day or two next week in order to support St Giles's Hospice. Students have this information on their firefly accounts. The just giving link is below and a flyer embedded that tells us about the fantastic work St Giles's Hospice does in our local community. It will be great to share some photos soon of Orange day outfits and activities.

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<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Catholic-College>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Let%E2%80%99s-support-St-Giles-Orange-week.pdf>

Safeguarding

As a community we need to be aware of the opportunities that some make take to groom or befriend our students on line.

Safety on Line;

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=46e6250b3e-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_07_04_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-46e6250b3e-64779453

Prevent

Online radicalisation:

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Parent-Guardian-Online-Radicalisation-Information-and-Support.pdf>

Latest Update from JCQ about the awarding of examinations this Summer.

<http://www.jcq.org.uk/media-centre/news-releases/jcq-update-on-the-summer-series-2020>

Free School Meals.

If you find yourselves in a position where you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please use the following links.

Online application process available

- Parents can apply online if they want to and we welcome schools and academies adding the web-link to their own parent information web pages at:

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/free_school_meals

- If you prefer to link directly to the FSM registration form rather than our webpage, please visit:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/forms/Application-for-Free-School-Meals>

Hampers for those who are entitled will be ready on Monday from 12 noon onwards as usual.

Laptops for Disadvantaged students in year 10

We have been informed that these should be ready to distribute in early June.



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Support for SEN students and reintegration

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/For-parents-and-carers-of-children-and-young-people-recognised-as-having-a-special-educational-need.pdf>

General Support for this period of lockdown.

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Black-country-emotional-support-helpline-Leaflet.pdf>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Top-Ten-Relaxation-Techniques-for-Children.pdf>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Making-Connections-Walsall-Coronavirus-Community-Response-1.pdf>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/EDUCATIONAL-PSYCHOLOGY-CORE-OFFER-SUPPORT-OFFER-FOR-FAMILIES.pdf>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Brain-Breaks-Activities-Calendar.pdf>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Further-links.pdf>

Website- COVID 19 section

Please do look at our **COVID 19 section on our website** for useful information in these uncertain times. This is for our whole school community; students, parents and carers.

Many thanks for your continued support in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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