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Dear Parent/Carer,

Parental Update – Friday 19th March

Another busy week in school comes to an end and hopefully staff, students and parents are now back into the routine and rhythms of school life. Today is my wife's 50th birthday, and big occasions like that always make us reflect upon how quickly time passes and we grow up and move on. It makes us realise the importance of seizing the moment and not letting opportunities pass us by. It is this thought (the opportunities passing not my wife's birthday) which is at the heart of our work on the new 3 year plan of the school (see below).

I am also pleased to say there have been no incidents in or around the school at the end of the day and the police are continuing to provide a presence as and when they are able to. The police have also raised, with all schools, the issue of anti-social behaviour across the borough, encouraging parents to be aware of where their child is and what they are doing.

3 Year Plan

Though there are many aspects of the school that are good and it would be easy to take our foot off the pedal and sit back in comfort and accept things as they are. The truth, as we all know, however, is that things can, and should, be even better. We want to ensure we deliver excellence in every aspect of school life, and we are still far from doing that.

Such change isn't easy and it will challenge us all: staff, students and parents to have even higher standards and expectations of ourselves and each other. It is exactly at these times of challenge, whether it is staff being resolute on uniform or parents expecting more from a teacher, that we need to work together and support each other, knowing that the end point of excellence, though hard fought, will benefit our whole community.

Testing

We have now completed the onsite testing of students, all onsite testing was negative, which is encouraging. I would like to thank our testing team who have been excellent in the planning and delivery of the mass testing across the school.

All students who have been tested onsite have been given home testing kits. Parents of children who were not tested but would like to have home testing, should contact the school. We will then arrange for your child to be shown how to test before providing them with one of the kits. This is to ensure that tests are completed properly and not wasted.

There is also a useful video from Public Health to help parents support their child to test at home: <https://youtu.be/lvK-E9Dmne4>

COVID Winter Grant

There is no FSM provision over the Easter holidays, instead the government has introduced the COVID Winter Grant Scheme to support individuals, families and children with food and other essentials outside of term time. Further information can be found in this [guidance](#).

Br Philip Smith

We received the very sad news that Brother Philip passed away on 9th March. He was a much loved member of the St John's House community whose dedication, faith and most of all humour, will be greatly missed by us all.

Forthcoming Events

- Monday 29th March – Year 10 Parents' Evening (online). As usual with parental evenings, **all students (Years 7-11) will have a collapsed day and finish at 1.30pm**
- Thursday 1st April: school finishes for Easter at **3:00pm**
- Monday 19th April: School re-opens

And finally...

I was pleased to hear from the admissions team at the local authority that we will be oversubscribed for the new intake of Year 7s in September with a waiting list, which is some positive news to take us all into the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rannard
Headteacher