



# St. Richard's Catholic College



*A National Teaching School, a National Support School and a High Performing Specialist Science College*



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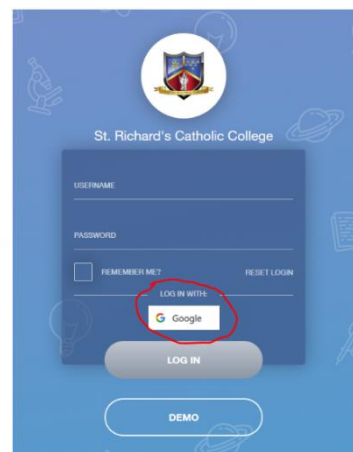
Dear Parents/Carers

The Government has instructed all pupils to be dismissed from schools in the country at the end of today, Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. This order is due to the Coronavirus situation as we all need to do all we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. All pupils will be dismissed at 3:15pm until further notice and should stay at home.

Pupils of key workers, pupils with EHCP plans and vulnerable pupils who have a social worker are able to attend school from Monday between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm. They do not have to wear uniform but they do need to bring their books and equipment ready to complete all work provided by staff. A mobile phone may be brought in for contact with yourselves whilst travelling. They should sign in at Reception. All lessons will take place in B Block with computer access. A school dinner will be available to purchase if needed. Pupils eligible for Free School Meals can attend between 12 noon and 1:00pm for a meal provided by Chartwells until vouchers are supplied by the Government.

Work will be sent to all pupils via Edulink and Google Classroom. Pupils will be notified of new work via Edulink and it will be accessible from Google Drive/Google Classroom.

If your child experiences technical issues (forgotten passwords, etc) they should email [itservices@strichardscc.com](mailto:itservices@strichardscc.com) where a member of the IT Team will resolve the issue. Please remind him/her that he/she should be logging in by using the 'Sign in with Google' button as their Google passwords are set to never expire.



If your child needs to email a member of staff about their work then he/she can do so between the hours of 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Staff will respond as soon as they can.

As far as possible, we have audited all pupils to ensure reasonable access to a computer or laptop device in the weeks ahead. Any responses were acted upon. However, we recognise that as we move forward, more devices will, no doubt, need to be shared within the family. We are therefore setting out a reasonable set of time for computer use on subjects and recognise that there will need to be flexibility during the hours of the day the children complete their work. This will obviously be different for each household and a common sense approach will be needed. Expected hours of study are set out overleaf.

Alongside their study, non computer-based activities are highly encouraged. These include: exercise, practising musical instruments, reading, practising the 12 rocks of well-being, creative activities through Art and practical skills such as baking etc.

We also recognise that children will need to support their families at this time; this is a good time for them to practise those domestic skills such as gardening and cooking.



## Expected hours of study

<b>KS3 subject</b>	<b>Amount of hours per week</b>	<b>KS4 subject</b>	<b>Amount of hours per week</b>
English	2.5	English	2.5
Maths	2.5	Maths	2.5
Science	2.5	Science	2.5
RE	0.5	RE	1
History/Geog	0.5	History/Geog	1
MFL	0.5	MFL	1
Computing	0.5	Other option subjects	1
Optional projects - Art, Tech, Performing Arts	As required		

Year 11 pupils should continue to read through their revision materials until we have confirmation that the exams will not be moved to July/August. They also need to keep work in case it is needed as evidence of their predicted grades. This is also an opportunity for them to support their younger siblings in their learning; support their families, especially as parents/carers continue to work from home and invest time in exploring future career options and pathways.

We will formally mark their departure from secondary education in the summer term. All staff understand their disappointment at not getting the chance to sit their GCSEs where I know they would have shone. Rest assured, we are proud of them all and admire the work ethic demonstrated by so many as well as their many outstanding positive qualities and attributes. Once clarification of results is known, I will email you.

Year 10 should revise in the first instance for their mocks which begin on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. If the mocks need to be delayed then new work will be set and a revised date for the completion of the mocks will be given.

All pupils have received a Pupil Support booklet with advice on accessing pastoral support during this time.

The pupil dismissal may last for weeks to reduce contact among children and stop the spread of Coronavirus.

Because the virus is easily spread from person to person, it is not safe for large groups of people to gather. During this time, both children and adults should stay away from other people and groups as much as possible. They should not gather in other locations such as shopping centres, cinemas, theatres or community centres.

We know that it may be hard to get a doctor's appointment, go to a clinic, or even be examined in a hospital emergency room. Here are some tips for helping family members who are sick with Coronavirus:

- Have them drink a lot of liquid (juice, water).
- Keep the sick person as comfortable as possible. Rest is important.
- Keep tissues and a rubbish bag within reach of the sick person.
- Be sure everyone in your home washes their hands frequently.
- Keep the people who are sick with Coronavirus away from the people who are not sick.

For more information, contact your health care provider, or the DFE Coronavirus Helpline:

**Phone:** 0800 046 8687

**Email:** [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

**Opening hours:** 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

I would just like to remind you of all the resources available to parents/carers which can be found at [www.actionyourpotentialtoday.com](http://www.actionyourpotentialtoday.com) password Neocortex123. UNICEF provides a very good explanation of the Coronavirus for explaining to children and young people. Please also refer to the pupil support pack given to your child.

Our Lay Chaplain, Jo, will send out the weekly prayers and a weekly vlog on Edulink. These can also be accessed via the St Richard's Chaplaincy Twitter page (@STR\_chaplaincy). You and your families will be very much in her prayers. She is available by email if needed.

I will contact you as soon as I receive information about when pupils will be allowed to return to school. I will also try to send you regular updates.

I do hope you and your family stay in good health. May I also, on behalf of the staff, wish you and your family a happy, healthy Easter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Cronin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'D' being large and prominent.

Miss D Cronin  
Principal