



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

I hope you and your families are keeping well and are looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

As you are aware, the number of positive cases rose gradually mid-November causing a significant number of pupils to have to self-isolate. Decisions on self-isolation are made in collaboration with the DfE and Public Health. The majority of pupils are due to complete self-isolation this week.

You will be aware of the sudden announcement on Friday of self-isolators having their period of isolation reduced from 14 to 10 days. Consequently, pupils in their 11th, 12th, 13th or 14th day of isolation can return to school if parents/carers feel they are well enough to do so. This is important: if you have any doubts/concerns then please ensure that your son/daughter continues to self-isolate.

Work for all pupils is set on Google Classroom until the end of Wednesday. Thursday morning at 9.00am the Advent Service will be played to all in school; it would be lovely if all shielders / self-isolators watched it too. Recording the Service this year has proved a mammoth task due to the number of pupils self-isolating at different stages. I thank Jo, the Performing Arts team, Mr Hollingsworth and all the pupils participating, for their time spent preparing the Service. It will be available on the website from 4.00pm. I hope you will take the time to watch it too.

Reporting positive cases of Covid at the start of the holidays

Please continue to use the system introduced last term informing LMT@strichardscc.com for the first few days of the holiday.

If you are able to fill in the questionnaire [here](#) in advance of one of LMT speaking to you, that will be a great help in identifying contacts. The date symptoms started is key, as well as contacts 48 hours prior to the symptoms starting. From 23rd December you will not need to inform the school until term starts for pupils on Tuesday, 5th January 2021.

Travel Arrangements and staggered dismissal times for terms 3 and 4

Listed are the train times both morning and afternoon, to allow pupils to stagger their journeys. It is really important to note that Upper School pupils should be in their form rooms by 8.30am and Lower School pupils by 8.40am.



Train times AM

Eastbourne to Bexhill:

07:25	07:46
07:43	08:04
07:49	08:16

Hastings to Bexhill:

07:39	07:49
07:55	08:05
08:08	08:18

The revised dismissal times from 5th January 2021 are as follows:

Year 7 - 3.10pm

Year 8 - 3.15pm

Year 9 - 3.20pm

Year 10 - 3.25pm

Year 11 - 3.30pm

Train times PM

Bexhill to Eastbourne:

15:20	15:43
15:35	16:00
15:50	16:05

Bexhill to Hastings:

15:30	15:42
15:44	15:54
16:05	16:15

These times should ensure that pupils can socially distance on the trains. The times work for buses too with the Lower School bus departing at 3.22pm and the Upper School coach departing at 3.35pm.

Please continue to prompt your son/daughter to wear a face covering whilst travelling to and from school, and to sanitise their hands including washing them when they get into school and when they get home.

Risk Assessment

To allow for Government changes, this will not be distributed until the first week of term, however I wanted to alert you, as parents/carers, to some additions:

- From the start of term 3, pupils will only be allowed to mingle/sit with up to six pupils outside.
- Pupils will also be asked to socially distance a metre from each other, whenever possible.
- All pupils are encouraged to wear a clean face covering daily.
- Pupils will be instructed to wash their hands more frequently.

A request I would make of parents/carers of older pupils is to curtail your child's mixing in large social groups at weekends as well as avoiding sleepovers. Such measures will help to reduce the transmission of Covid as we move into January as will the advice from Public Health issued on Friday and available [here](#).

Newsletter Number 3

This was published on Friday and is available [here](#). I hope you enjoy reading about the many opportunities that have been provided both in and outside the classroom, and can see that staff have endeavoured to provide normality for pupils this term as far as Covid restrictions allow.

Tracksuit bottoms for PE during term three

These are now available to order from our supplier at www.yourschooluniform.com. Alternatively, parents/carers may purchase a plain (no logos) black pair of jogging bottoms from a good

supplier. Pupils with PE lesson 1 or lesson 6 may continue to come to school in kit or return home in kit.

End of term details

I would like to remind you that Term ends on Thursday with staggered dismissal times recorded in the newsletter and below:

Year 11
Dismissal time - 11.55am
Trains: 12:18 - All stops to Eastbourne 12.15 - All stops to ORE
Bus: No. 99 – Penland Road - 12:13

Year 10
Dismissal time - 12.00pm
Trains: 12:18 - All stops to Eastbourne 12.15 - All stops to ORE
Bus: No. 99 – Penland Road - 12:13

Year 9
Dismissal time - 12.20pm
Trains: 12:38 - All stops to Eastbourne 12.45 - All stops to ORE
Bus: No. 99 – Penland Road - 12:33

Year 8
Dismissal time - 12.22pm
Trains: 12:38 - All stops to Eastbourne 12.45 - All stops to ORE
Bus: No. 99 – Penland Road - 12:33

Year 7
Dismissal time - 12.50pm
Trains: 1.14 - All stops to Eastbourne 1.15 - All stops to ORE
Bus: No. 99 – Penland Road - 12:53

Please note that the coach covering the 359 route will pick up pupils from school in all year groups at 12.30pm.

I would like to thank all parents/carers who have been extremely supportive of our endeavours this term to maintain your child's health and safety. I hope you and your families can enjoy a healthy, safe and happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely



Miss D Cronin
Principal