



# St. George's School

## A Church of England Academy

'Our vision is to be outstanding through the provision of consistent academic excellence within a caring, Christian community'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to update families with how the last couple of weeks have progressed with online learning. In general, the response from pupils to online learning has been exceptional and the commitment from the children must be congratulated. I would also like to thank all the parents/carers for their support. Home schooling and working from home is not an easy balance.

### Online Learning

We are trying to provide a genuine home education, which should not require parents to "teach." Thank you to everyone for working so hard to create learning environments wherever possible and ensuring that your children are getting the best they possibly can out of this unusual situation. We encourage pupils to continue to follow the lesson structure and keep in a good routine. Teachers are online and will respond to any questions pupils have during the lesson, however, we are also aware that sometimes situations arise and pupils cannot be online at certain times. Do not worry or feel stressed by this, please just let us know in our weekly calls.

### GCSE exams

As yet, no details have been announced on how grades for pupils in year 10 or 11, sitting exams this year will be awarded. Parents / Carers have received a progress report based on mock exam results. Historically pupils improve a significant amount from mock exams to the real GCSE's. It is vitally important that both year groups keep working really hard to secure a grade they deserve.

### Testing

We are continuing to refine our Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing. Thank you to all those that have completed the google form indicating either way regarding consent. If you have not responded, please do so via the link. Lateral flow testing could form a critical part of our return when a final date has been announced.  
<https://forms.gle/7dJF5Dxwdpc7AJKQ8>

### Returning to School

As always, there is a lot of speculation in the press about when school will reopen. The announcement in parliament is that schools will not open before 8<sup>th</sup> March at the earliest. We like you, watch the news with interest for further details on what this will look like.

We did receive an early notification today that the school will be closed over the scheduled half term week, which will hopefully allow children and parents the opportunity to rest and recharge from home schooling. Pupils will not be set any work over half term.

Thank you again for the many messages of support and the acknowledgement of the commitment from the teachers. I have shared many of them over the last few weeks for which the staff are very grateful for.

Take care

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