

17<sup>th</sup> May 2021



Dear Parent/Carers,

### **John 17:11-19**

*<sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of<sup>[a]</sup> your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by<sup>[b]</sup> that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.*

*<sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by<sup>[c]</sup> the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.*

Jesus is praying for us! So often we ask others to pray for us, for we believe their prayer will benefit us. We trust the prayer of those who we believe are closer than us to God. Now we know that Jesus himself is praying for us, we can rely on his prayer for us. We thank him for his care for us, as we link our prayer to his.

Jesus' prayer to the Father is not to withdraw us from the world, to create for us a safe place where we will be undisturbed, but to protect us from the evil one. Let's pray for the ability to face the difficulties just as Jesus did, in trust.

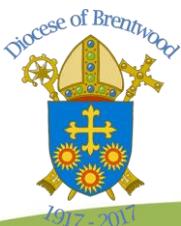
### **Parent Survey**

The governing body and staff at St Francis' would like to hear about your experience as a parent/carer at St Francis'; we would be grateful if you could take five minutes to complete the survey below.

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### **Well-being/RSE Week**

During the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> May we will have a Well-being focus week. At the same time, we will be looking at our RSE topics using the Diocesan recommended programme, **Journey in Love**. As a part of



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this programme, a different aspect of the mystery of love is explored in each year group and all are encouraged to marvel at the wonder and beauty of God's creative love. This is reflected in each stage of a person's growth, through a series of lessons with activities and reflections which focus on physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development.

**Please see attached an UPDATED guide to the Journey in Love programme. There has been an update to the year 4 Journey in Love programme.**

### Anxiety Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attend the recent anxiety workshop, we hope you found it useful. It's really important that if you book to attend a workshop that you do attend, unfortunately we had a number of parents/carers who booked to attend the workshop last Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6:00 pm, but did not attend. Additional resources can be found at the following website:

[Emotion Coaching Resources for Professionals \(emotioncoachinguk.com\)](http://emotioncoachinguk.com)

### Afterschool clubs

The new after school clubs for Summer 2 were made available on ParentPay last week; these clubs start on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We will open as normal on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### Citizenship Weeks

The generosity of our families continues to be overwhelming! We have raised **£1583.72** for our Citizenship Weeks fundraising for **Magpie Project**. This project is a part of our local community which provides a safe and fun place for mums and under-fives suffering in temporary or insecure accommodation.

### School Uniform

As we move into the summer term, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and that the uniform fits your child appropriately. Please check the school's website for a reminder on the school uniform <https://st-francis.newham.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-uniform/>

The uniform supplier is Ian Howard - <https://www.ianhowardschoolwear.com/>

### Mask/Face Covering

As we begin to open more and are able to do normal activities please remember we all need to do our part to keep each other safe. Please remember that we are asking all parents to wear a mask or face covering while dropping off and collecting their child each day to keep us all safe.



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### Lateral Flow (Rapid) Covid Tests

School staff have had access to weekly lateral flow (rapid) testing since February. This is to help stop the spread of the virus by identifying asymptomatic people who are positive. As a part of the government initiative to further support this you can order kits to test your household, childcare bubble or support bubble if at least one member:

- is a school, nursery or college pupil
- works in a school, nursery or college (this includes temporary workers or volunteers)
- works in an [occupation related to a school, nursery or college](#)

A test kit contains 7 tests. You can order one test kit per household each day.  
A flatshare or house share counts as a household.

### **Who this service is for**

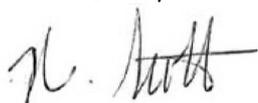
You can only use this service if:

- you're 18 or older
- you live in England
- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you or someone in your household, childcare or support bubble attends a primary school, a nursery, a secondary school, a sixth form, a college, or works at one
- you cannot get tests from a test site or your work

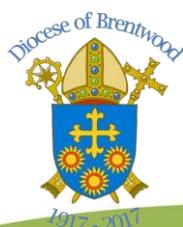
Test kits can be ordered at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

God Bless,



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