



Spring One: Monday 25th January 2021

Dress Down Fridays

Staff and children alike have really enjoyed seeing one another on the daily live sessions and some of our children that are currently in school made a really good point: "Why do the children at home get to wear their own clothes every day but we have to wear our uniforms?" So, for the children that are currently attending school during the National Lockdown, Fridays will now be "Dress Down Fridays" where they do not need to wear their uniforms. Uniforms must still be worn Monday to Thursday during the week.



Thank you!

A massive thank you to all of the staff at St Alban's who are working very long days supporting the children that are still in school, those that are learning online, whilst also planning, delivering and recording lessons. It has been a massive change for all involved and I am sure the children are missing the teachers dearly.

If any children would like to pass a message on to their teachers, it would be fantastic to have some messages of support sent in to children@stalbansceacademy.com

Remote Learning Achievements

The children have adapted exceptionally well to remote learning since the National Lockdown began and we all wanted to say how proud we are of them for this. The learning that is being sent in to teachers is of fantastic quality and children are trying hard to include all of their prior skills whilst keeping their standards of handwriting high.

It is fantastic to see so many faces on the daily live registrations sessions and the live reading sessions: please continue to join as a way to keep a sense of normality for our children during these strange times. All of the staff at school are dearly missing having a full class of children in their classroom, so it is almost bringing a sense of normality to them too.

Exercise Books

If children are coming to the end of their exercise books and would like some more, please can parents/carers inform the class teachers so that we can organise collection of new ones. We ask that the completed books are returned to school for us to keep as evidence.

St Alban's Website

www.stalbansceacademy.com

Please use our website to access guidance and letters that have previously been sent out on Parent Mail to support with remote learning. On the remote learning tab, you will also find extra resources to support children with the understanding of why school is closed to some children at the moment and to help them understand a bit more about the changes that have happened in their lives recently.

Lateral Flow Testing

From this week, all St Alban's staff will have access to Lateral Flow Testing. This is another measure in place to try and minimise the transmission of Covid-19 in school and it will serve as a way to identify asymptomatic staff. Staff will take tests bi-weekly and should a test come back positive, we will follow Public Health England's guidance and inform parents and carers that it would affect. Hopefully, this is another step towards us returning to school in full.

Contact and Communication with Families

It is imperative that we can contact our families that are not in school on at least a weekly basis during National Lockdown. Teachers will attempt to call between Monday and Wednesday and will call numerous times if they are unable to get through. If they cannot get in contact, this will be passed on to the Senior Leadership Team or our Family Support Worker. This is very important so that we know if there is anything else we can be doing to support our families during this time. If you have recently changed your numbers, please ensure the school office have the most up to date contacts.

Pupil Leadership Team

Children that are part of the Pupil Leadership Team will be receiving an exciting task over the coming weeks from Mrs Abbiss. Keep a look out on Microsoft Teams via the chat tool.