



Trinity Catholic High School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The Easter break commences tomorrow and I confirm that school will close at the usual time, according to your child's year-group timetable. Again, I will express my appreciation to all staff and parents for working together over the last four weeks to keep our school safe for our children. I truly believe that the array of new Covid arrangements that we put in place (including face coverings and LFD Testing) have helped to stop the spread of this awful virus. I will bring the following matters to your attention:

Easter Test and Trace Arrangements:

The government have stressed that we must continue with our 'contact tracing' programme during the school closure, especially in the first 6 days after we break up, as it may still be necessary to contact families to inform them about any possible contact with a confirmed positive case of Covid-19. Please note the arrangements below:

- If your child tests positive for coronavirus at any point during the Easter break, but especially during the first 6 days, please notify us as soon as possible so we can complete the relevant tracking and tracing process. This will empower us to notify any other children or staff who have been identified as "close contacts" and will also need to self-isolate.
- To contact us during the Easter Break: Complete the "Covid Reporting" form which is available on the 'Covid' page of our school website ([Trinity website](#)). During the Easter break, you can also leave a message on 020 8506 5537 to report a Covid related concern.
- Start of Term: It is also essential that you complete the above "Covid Reporting Form" if your child tests positive during the days before we return to school on Monday 19th April 2021.

Support Payments for families:

Redbridge have announced the extension of the Test & Trace Support Payments scheme to parents of children who have had to isolate due to Covid-19. If you have had to isolate at some point since 8th March 2021 I advise that you should:

- If you have stayed at home because your child has had to isolate at some point since 8th March and have lost income from work as a result of this, you will be able to apply for a one-off payment.
- Applications will be open from 6th April from the following Redbridge link ([here](#)) which will be updated when the new system is set up by the Redbridge Team. Parents are advised to check back on this link on or after 6th April.
- In the meantime parents are advised that to apply they'll need to have a copy of the school letter that we will have sent when your child was told to isolate. Further information will be available from the above link.

I wish you all a restful Easter break.

Dr Doherty OBE
Headmaster

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