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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another strange term, I would once again like to thank you for your support for all of our pupils. Since January, we have completed a blend of home learning, mass testing and returning to school in our 'bubbles'.

During the Easter holidays, it is vitally important that if any child displays symptoms within the first 48 hours after we break up (up until 4pm on Saturday 3rd April), and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, that this information is emailed to covid@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk ASAP. The mailbox will be checked at 9am each morning for the first 6 days of the holidays (until Wednesday 7th April), and then intermittently throughout the day, and we have an obligation to track and trace all contacts within school and report to the local authority.

The Government have requested that the Lateral Flow tests are continued throughout the holidays, so we request that these are completed on a Monday and Thursday morning. If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Home testing kit, please book a PCR test through [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). Again, this information needs to be shared with school on covid@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk ASAP.

It is with great pleasure that I remind you, that from today, we are proud members of the Our Lady and All Saints Multi Academy Company. I would like to thank Mrs J Murphy for all her hard work bringing this exciting project to fruition. I would also like to formally introduce Mr P Davis as our Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL). We look forward to forging strong relationships with our 12 primary schools.

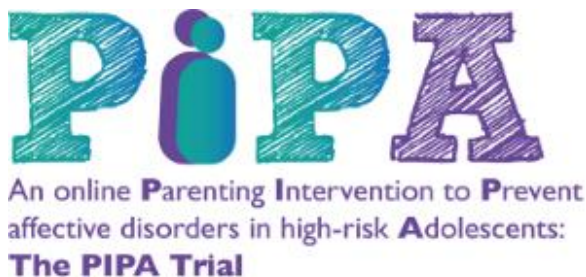
Please be aware we are unable to run any extra-curricular clubs currently due to the staggered end times to the school day. We will update you as soon as this changes.

If you live in Birmingham and need support over the break, families can visit our [From Birmingham with Love website](#) to find help for themselves or you can get in touch with their local team who can help to find the support they need with food, fuel and family support, including parenting advice.

As a Catholic community, we know charity is our duty. However, I have been bowled over the generosity of our parents and pupils. This afternoon, the Irish Association packed full a minibus full of your donations for



the foodbank that operates out of St Anne's in Digbeth. Our staff have also donated presents and Easter Eggs to Anawim – a charity we have had a long association with. Please check our twitter page @stpeterssch to see photos of these donations.



The PIPA Trial is exploring the effectiveness of an online resource for parents/carers to help reduce depression and anxiety in young people. The trial is being coordinated by the University of Warwick and involves families of young people aged 11-15 years.

The trial is free and conducted completely online; eligible parents/carers and young people will be asked to

complete some questionnaires and will receive access to some online parenting resources.

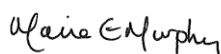
There is a letter attached to this email about how to sign up which contains more information. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs K Wolfe or contact the PIPA trial team at PIPA@warwick.ac.uk or 02476574316/02476575078.

We have attached the Careers Newsletter for your information.

Everyone in our school community has made sacrifices over the last twelve months during the various restrictions. This is fitting as it reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, cleansing us of sin. I hope you can enjoy the Easter weekend and celebrate the most important date of our liturgical calendar. A reminder that all masses are a ticket only. However, Olton Friary is offering an open air mass for those that missed out. Bring your own chair, cross and torch! Also all local BBC radio stations will broadcast a live radio service with Cardinal Vincent at 7am tomorrow morning. In addition, on Easter Sunday, BBC1 will broadcast the Pope's Easter message at 11am.

Have a happy and holy Easter.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M E Murphy
Headteacher