



# St. Edward's Church of England Academy

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Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers,

I hope I find you well.

I think it is important for us all to remember the Key Workers and also those people who don't come under the Key Worker classification but are still carrying out essential tasks to keep us safe. We all send our thanks; you are in our thoughts and prayers during these challenging times.

Thank you also for the excellent photographs and video clips we are receiving from you to post on Facebook. It is amazing to see the range of learning that is taking place at home and the fantastic quality of the work, experiments and activities that you are undertaking.

You are all 10:10 people and are providing us with amazing examples of our RESPECT ethos and values in action.

## **Reminder: Ordering Year 8 leaver hoodies**

We have received confirmation from the manufacturer that hoodies for our Year 8 leavers are still in production. The manufacturer has informed us that orders are to be placed by 7th June.

To place an order, please go to: <https://www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-login>, entering the username SL47832 and password 47832sted.

Further information regarding leaver hoodies can be found in the Year 8 letters section on the Academy website.

## **Reminder: Easter holidays**

The Easter holidays are upon us at the end of this week for two weeks. The Academy feels it is important that you all have a holiday and have time to relax and do the things you would choose to do without having to consider school. Therefore, no additional work will be set during this period but you can still work on the projects and online activities that have already been set should you want to.

'Key Worker' pupils will still be supported and provided for in the Academy as has been the case last week and this.

Should anyone have concerns over safeguarding during the Easter holidays, then there are emergency numbers provided in the Contacts section of the Academy website for you to use. The Contacts link on the website will still operate during the holidays for enquiries, however, responses may take a little longer.

## **Reminder: Communication and subject queries**

To assist you in contacting the correct person at the Academy when you have a query, please continue to utilise the CONTACTS link on the Academy website for all general and office focused enquiries. For any subject specific questions, please utilise the following addresses to access key subject specialists:

For Maths	<a href="mailto:maths@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk">maths@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk</a>
For English	<a href="mailto:englishst@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk">englishst@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk</a>
For Science and Computing	<a href="mailto:scienceandcomputing@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk">scienceandcomputing@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk</a>
For Geography, History and MFL	<a href="mailto:humanandlang@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk">humanandlang@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk</a>
For RE	<a href="mailto:re-sted@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk">re-sted@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk</a>
For Creative Studies	<a href="mailto:creativestudies@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk">creativestudies@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk</a>

## **UPDATED: Safeguarding**

Keeping our pupils and their families safe is our most important job.

If you have any concerns, please call First Response on 0800 131 3126 or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or Childline on 0800 1111. If you need to contact us, please do so via the Contacts link on the Academy website.

There is a lot of support available to help keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- Think You Know: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Parent Info: <https://parentinfo.org/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- LGfL: <https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Net Aware: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

## **UPDATED: FAQs (frequently asked questions)**

Question: What is the current situation concerning refunds for the Y7 French trip?

Answer: *We are currently in communication with our insurers and the travel company with regard to arrangements surrounding this trip. The Academy has already paid for this trip in full and therefore all funds are held by the travel company.*

*We are endeavouring to keep parents and carers informed with as much information as possible regarding the situation, but at the current time the position hasn't changed since the letter which was sent yesterday to parents and carers of pupils due to travel on this trip. If you haven't yet responded to this letter, please email your response to [financeoffice@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:financeoffice@st-edwards.staffs.sch.uk) by 12pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, including 'France' and your child's name in the subject line of the email. Thank you to the parents and carers who have already emailed their response.*

*The Academy will continue to push for further information on this matter and we will update you as soon as we know more. We apologise for any concern this is causing.*

Question: How do we complete the online tasks if we do not have a printer or if we only have access to one computer/device to share at home?

Answer: *Please ask your child to complete the tasks on paper and then you can look the tasks over with your child. If you need the shared computer/device to be available for multiple members of your household and your child has a mobile phone, they can take a photograph of the activity and work on the activity by referring to the photograph.*

Question: Does the Academy provide paper copies of all work?

Answer: *Due to the current restrictions regarding only essential travel and limitations surrounding these restrictions, we cannot provide paper copies of work at the current time. The risk to Academy staff members in the production and distribution of these resources is not an 'essential task'. Please refer to the online materials that are updated each Monday and Thursday, or refer to our Facebook page that has other online links for celebrities who are delivering sessions which can be watched on devices and via Smart TVs.*

Question: Can you provide me with my/my child's MathsWatch password please?

Answer: *We have recently changed our subscription to MyMaths and will no longer be using MathsWatch. All MyMaths passwords are now uploaded to Go4Schools for each class and each pupil.*

### **UPDATED: Additional web resources that may be helpful to parents/carers**

<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html>

Many of you have already been taking part in PE with Joe Wicks at 9am on weekdays and have let us know how much you are enjoying it. If you haven't yet tried PE with Joe Wicks, why not give it a go tomorrow morning?

Elementari (pupils write their own stories then create interactive animations): <https://www.elementari.io/>

<https://radioblogging.net>

This is a radio broadcast on the internet with a live lesson by English teachers at 9.30am to inspire writers. Click on the orange button on the Radio Blogging website to listen. Pupils need to listen live to access the lesson - set yourself a reminder for 9.25am so that you don't miss out!

Reading recommendations by age group: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

Audio books (free during school closure): <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Twinkl Home Learning Hub: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub>

The Hidden Worlds of the National Parks: <https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/>

Padlet (for collating and sharing ideas): <https://padlet.com/>

Chester Zoo Learning Resources: <https://www.chesterzoo.org/schools/resources/>

Scouts – The Great Indoors (indoor activity ideas): <https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors>

The World of David Walliams: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Jodrell Bank – Science Learning at Home: <https://www.jodrellbank.net/sciencelearningathome/>

JCB – Build Your Own Hydradig: [https://www.jcb.com/origin2017/~/\\_asset/14/46105](https://www.jcb.com/origin2017/~/_asset/14/46105)

Active History: [www.activehistory.co.uk](http://www.activehistory.co.uk) (Username: stedwards / Password: junior21)

God bless,



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Principal