



**St. Louis**  
**GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

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Thursday, 07 January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

In light of recent announcements by the Department of Education and the NI Executive, remote teaching has recommenced and will continue until the end of February half-term.

A summary of the Online and Distance Learning policy for Parents and Pupils has been issued along with a consent form regarding video conferencing. Please sign and return as soon as possible. If you have not received either document yet, please contact the school.

We have learned many new things about remote learning over the past year and perhaps, one of the most significant is the need for patience. We acknowledge that the circumstances in which pupils are trying to engage with on-line learning vary from family to family. By its nature, distance learning is slower and not as easy to replicate the classroom experience, however, there will be time to cover the course content, seek explanations, complete work and receive feedback. If there are any concerns or queries about the work, please contact the relevant teacher as soon as possible. Please continue to check our school website for regular updates and information on pastoral support and guidance with online learning.

You will also be aware that GCSEs, AS and A2 level examinations have been cancelled. Examinations in BTec and Applied subjects have been postponed. These vocational examinations may be rescheduled for later in the year, however, it is essential that coursework in these subjects continues during this period of school closure. I will need some time to process the implications and ramifications for our pupils and the teaching. I will communicate with you the alternative processes to awarding qualifications at GCSE, AS, A2 and BTec/Applied level as soon as I am in a better position to do so in an informed manner.

Supervision will continue during lockdown for key workers' children and vulnerable pupils and will be in the ICT suites. Parents/ guardians of vulnerable children who require on-site supervised learning for their child or children should contact the school office and ask to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Key Workers who require on-site supervised learning for their child or children should request a 'Key Workers Request Form' from the school by contacting the school's main office (normally open from 8:30am - 4.00pm, Monday to Friday). Completed forms should be returned to [info@stlouis.org.uk](mailto:info@stlouis.org.uk). Such requests can only be considered if the request form has been completed and returned at least one day before the day on which supervised learning is needed – this is to allow sufficient time to plan our staffing needs.



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Please be advised that students will not experience a continuation of their usual classroom based teacher led education routine, but will undertake similar activities to those of their peers who are working from home.

There will be no school catering; please ensure your son/daughter has refreshments for break and lunch. If your daughter/son has to self-isolate due to Covid, please contact the PHA and the School.

I hope that everyone remains safe and those families which have key workers among them stay safe and are well supported in their good work.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Martin,  
Principal.



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