



The Atonement Academy  
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Dear Atonement Families,

As anticipated, The Atonement Academy will be initiating remote learning beginning Monday, March 23. This remote phase of school operations will last at least through Friday, April 3. Please find attached a document entitled “Overview of Remote Learning at Atonement.” This document—which will also be posted on the Academy website—provides a roadmap of how we will proceed. Additional details will follow over the course of the day.

- Mr. Creech and Mrs. Powell, who are the point persons for PK-6 and 7-12 remote learning, respectively, will reach out to explain our aims for students at these different levels.
- Mr. Patrick, our IT person, will send illustrated instructions to assist you in creating an individualized FACTS-SIS login for each of your enrolled students.
- Each of your child’s/children’s teachers will send a short letter in order to “establish contact” and set expectations for the coming week.

What will emerge from the “Overview of Remote Learning at Atonement” document and the various other communications described above is a measured, structured approach to the situation we find ourselves in. Going forward, teachers and staff will be working from a new and less than ideal position; naturally, instruction will not translate to a remote context at a one-to-one ratio. Therefore, we have identified three guiding principles which we believe will lead to a good experience for all stakeholders:

- *Continuity*—we are committed to bridging any gap between where students are now and readiness for the next grade level
- *Integrity*—adopting the classical motto *multum non multa* (“much not many”), we will exercise judgement to focus on the essence of the remaining curriculum in each course
- *Sustainability*—we will initially launch our remote learning program on a modest scale so that we can gather data, learn quickly, and bring families along with us; then, building on “small wins,” we will be poised to, if necessary, develop a progressively more meaningful experience for students

We are entering uncharted waters, but we will be navigating them together. We appreciate your patience and prayers as we push ahead.

Our Lady of the Atonement—pray for us!

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