



FEDERATION OF
St Peter's and St Gildas'
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS



Tuesday 29th September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Remote Learning

As you know, as a whole school, staff have been working to prepare a remote learning plan which can be used in the event of a child or class of children having to isolate at home due to a Coronavirus related event. Thank you to those who you who have completed the survey regarding access to devices and Wi-Fi connectivity; we are in the process of collating this information now. Our remote learning plan is attached for your information and will be put onto the website. As you can imagine, it is hard to plan for every eventuality and combination of events, but we believe we have covered most eventualities.

As with our return to school plan, until we actually use it, we will not fully know what works well and what needs adapting. If your child does need to access remote learning at any time in the coming weeks and months, your feedback will be vital in helping us to adapt this and make it the most effective remote learning plan it can be.

We are very excited to be part of a Department of Education project which will be evaluated by Sheffield Institute of Education. The program has provided us with an Ed Tech Demonstrator Partner school, who will support us in the development of our online learning platform. This will be something not only for the present situation we find ourselves in, but will also support us in creating a longer term digital strategy for our school.

One of the actions currently being undertaken is the use of Google Classroom (GC) now– your child's ability to interact confidently with the Google classroom platform will be a key skill should they need to work from home because of their class pod isolating or in the event of another school closure. This is one of the reasons we are asking homework to be completed via GC. Teachers are also utilising it during the school week.

It is our hope to purchase some class sets of Chromebooks. The Chrome books will allow teachers and children to utilise Google Classroom in the school setting with children developing their skills to be independent in their use of it and develop metacognitive skills. We are currently reviewing funding options and believe this investment will not support our remote learning plan but also be an investment in a longer term whole school digital strategy.

I hope that you find the plan informative and helpful and pray that it will be something we do not need to turn to, too frequently.

If at any time you need support with remote learning, then please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office and we will do our best you help you.

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Parent Consultations

Please note that **Friday 6th November** will be an INSET day so **school will be closed to all children.**

We will be using that day for parent consultations. We are hoping to utilise Zoom for these consultations which will take place between 9am and 4pm that day. Details of making appointments and further details will follow. During the consultation your child's class teacher will update you about the learning and progress of your child and you will have the chance to ask questions as well. In the meantime, you have any queries that cannot wait until that time or messages to pass on, then please do contact the school offices. If there is something that you need to discuss with the class teacher, they will aim to contact you as soon as they can but will generally not be possible during the school day as they are teaching.

Kind regards

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