

**ST GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents

I hope you all remain safe and well during these times of uncertainty and change. Covid 19 has affected us in different ways and whilst trying to maintain social distancing St George's community must stay strong, united and aware of any difficulties we may face together. My staff have remained dedicated and vigilant in order to ensure that our pupils can continue to learn in a very different climate.

Many children may be confused or anxious about their future and I shall endeavour to keep parents and pupils well informed during the weeks ahead.

The school has remained open for a small proportion of our children who may be vulnerable or supporting parents who are key workers. This continued throughout the Easter 2 week break and Bank Holidays.

As time goes on, we are reviewing home learning and adjustments made accordingly. Approximately half my overall staff are self-isolating for various reasons surrounding their own personal circumstances.

The remaining staff including myself are working in school on a rota system - again - to minimise the risk of contracting Covid 19 and to carry out the social distancing rules.

A few queries have arisen of which I shall try to answer, bearing in mind we are all doing our very best in these unprecedented circumstances.

It is important for parents to realise that different schools act in a variety of ways.

A few misconceptions have also arisen and of course I shall endeavour to relieve any worries or concerns you may have:

Some schools use 'Google Classroom'. These video links can only be done in school and many teachers cannot facilitate this.

Resources given will vary according to different age groups and individual teachers' practice.

The only parents receiving weekly phone calls, across ALL school are for vulnerable families only. The task of contacting 460 pupils/parents individually would be a massive undertaking.

Some parents are concerned about Transition to Secondary Schools. Any transition arrangements would take place well into June and it is hoped that the Lock Down will ease by then.

Year 6 teachers are already having Transition contact with Secondary Schools and we will do our level best to ensure we can give all our pupils a smooth transition to their next important step in their education.

St George's reputation for its care of all pupils is second to none, and when it gets closer to half term we can re-evaluate the Lock Down situation.

I know that my staff are trying hard to get the balance right. We don't want children to be overloaded with work causing distress and anxiety.

I must thank all the parents who have wished the school staff well and thank them for not pressurising the pupils unnecessarily.

In school, we cater for a group ranging from 5-11 and this again is never going to duplicate the normal school day.

We must not lose sight of the fact we are all at risk of this life threatening pandemic and I want to reassure you all that we will do our utmost for our pupils and families along the very strange and surreal journey ahead.

Please do not worry, we are longing for St George's to resume normality.

Stay safe and I send you my very best wishes.

Mrs J Luxon

Headteacher