



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well and slowly adjusting to a 'new normal'. I know happier times will come but at the moment we must be kind to ourselves and know that we are all going through a very challenging time.

We are missing the children so much and look forward to a time when we can all be together again.



The staff and I would like to say thank you for your support, understanding and hard work as we have moved towards learning from home. Please remember we can only do our best.

I am also immensely proud of 'Team St. John Bosco' who have had to change and adapt completely to a new way of working with limited time to prepare. They have worked tirelessly for the children.



It has been a joy watching online learning grow over the past few weeks and a pleasure to see your children's faces on Google Meet and the daily story time sessions run by the EYFS staff. We will continue to evolve and embed our blended home learning, but please feel free to get in touch if there is anything your require.

We have been overwhelmed by the engagement on Purple Mash and Google Classroom.

Thank you!

There is an expectation that every child should engage but we are very aware that expectations should be realistic and some days, due to a variety of reasons, this may not be possible—we understand. We can only do our best.



School food parcels have been distributed over the last few weeks and the National Voucher Scheme will be operational from 25.01.21 for our families.

Critical Workers

We continue to be open to vulnerable pupils and to the children of Critical Key Workers. I would like to say thank you to parents, especially those of you who have found alternative arrangements, which has helped school to support others who have no alternative. We have so far managed to accommodate all requests, however key worker numbers are increasing and therefore we need to continue assessing the risks to staff and children. We ask for your help with this by letting us know by Friday of each week what your requirements are. **When you are not at work/are on holiday please support us by not sending your child to school.**

“Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following section: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.**”

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We appreciate your support in limiting the number of children in school and subsequently helping to limit the spread of the virus.

Thank you again for your continued support and positive feedback. We continue to work together and support each other through these very difficult times.

God bless and stay safe

Mrs Peart

