

From the Headteachers

Remote Learning

We are now in our second week of home learning and staff have really appreciated all the positive feedback given by our parents. Remote learning has evolved as staff respond to the needs of children's learning. New ideas are shared regularly between staff which is having a positive impact on the provision. We are pleased that parents are contacting the school where there are issues with devices and internet capability. We thank all our parents who have contributed to our crisis fund, allowing us to enable families access to remote devices.

School Food Matters

We also thank School Food Matters, a charity set up in conjunction with Evelina London Children's Hospital, for the nutritious breakfast bags which have been well received by some of our families. The charity exists to teach children about food and to improve children's access to healthy, sustainable food during their time at school.

Mrs Graham

Mrs Graham will be sadly leaving Corpus Christi School on the 29th January. She is moving away from London, as she and her family look forward to the arrival of their second child. This has been a very hard decision for her as she is very much part of the Corpus Christi School Community and has made many strong friendships.

Mrs Graham has been a teacher at Corpus Christi School for 11 years and has been fully committed to the life of the school, as well as leading the lower juniors in her role as phase group leader. We all wish Mrs Graham and her family every happiness with their new venture. She will be sorely missed.

From the Governors

The school governors would like to thank all parents for their support of the school during these tricky times. We would especially like to thank those parents who have donated old iPads, laptops and other computer devices to the school so that they can be repurposed for use by the children. These have proved invaluable in the school's delivery of effective home schooling. Such generosity is really appreciated. *Miranda Sawyer, Chair of Governors*

Merit Awards for the week ending 8th January 2021

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| Nursery | Rae P |
| Nursery | Jessica B C |
| Class 1 | Isabelle L |
| Class 2 | Raphael N |
| Class 3 | Max B |
| Class 4 | Finn g |
| Class 5 | Lila M |
| Class 6 | Alicia K |
| Class 7 | Sofia N K |
| Class 8 | Luke M |
| Class 9 | Martina E |
| Class 10 | Eldana A |
| Class 11 | Luke G |
| Class 12 | Elijah S |
| Class 13 | Rex M |
| Class 14 | Catarina F |



Miss Thomas holding one of the new Chrome books which were purchased from funds raised by parents during the summer term.



Congratulations to all classes on their 100% attendance last week.

Remote Instrument Tuition

If your child is currently learning an instrument you would have received an email from school explaining how this tuition will continue this term. Thank you to those parents who have emailed their interest to the tutors and you will see the payment item on your Parentpay account. If you would like your child to continue with remote lessons, please email office@corpuschristi.lameth.sch.uk and the necessary guidance will be sent to you.

10 TOP TIPS

REMOTE LEARNING FOR PARENTS

Remote learning can be a great way to continue learning outside the classroom, particularly in difficult circumstances. For parents and carers, the idea of remote learning isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote learning experience.

1) Take an active interest in your child's learning

As a parent or carer, remote learning will be a new concept for your child and there are bound to be a few teething problems to start with. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



2) Monitor your child's communication and online activity

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



3) Establish a daily schedule and routine

Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



4) Encourage screen breaks away from devices

Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teacher's will invariably advise on screen breaks however it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



5) Ensure your learning device is in a public space in the home

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



6) Implement safety controls and privacy restrictions on apps and software

Dependant on how your school implements remote learning, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



7) Ensure your child only uses official school communication channels

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



8) Familiarise yourself with relevant school policies

Schools should have a policy on remote learning and direction that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.



9) Maintain feedback with teachers

Engage in communication with teachers where possible and try to feed-back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



10) Monitor your child's wellbeing and mental health

Remote learning will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as you can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start with, missing out on seeing their friends everyday might take its toll.



If you have any concerns regarding the welfare and safety of any child at Corpus Christi School, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Safeguarding Officers. Any issue will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Mrs J Connery, Mr R Coyle, Mrs K Smart, Mrs S Cole or Ms S Ruiz