

THE RICHARD CROSSE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

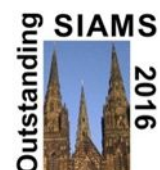
Well..... what a week it has been! We have all been very busy, but during our first day of online learning, the two power cuts, two bouts of internet loss, alongside problems with the kitchen cookers resulting in a mad dash to the Co-op to get enough bread, fillings and crisps to feed the key worker children nearly tipped us over the edge, but we're still smiling! As they say, these things were sent to try us!

I would like to start with saying a very big heartfelt thank you from myself and all of the team here at Richard Crosse, for all of the kind and supportive emails, words, smiles and waves we have received. All of this has helped to keep staff morale high and it really is appreciated. We share all of the positive messages amongst us via email and it really helps to lift spirits. Even though unfortunately we may not always get a chance to reply personally to each message, please know that this really does mean a lot to us all.

Online learning

The online learning seems to be going well, the children have been really engaged and staff are very impressed with how well they are behaving during the lessons. I hope your children are enjoying them as much as they seem to be!

The Department for Education guidance states that schools should record the attendance of children who attend online lessons, so as we would in school a register is being taken both in the morning and the afternoon session. This will be done by the supporting TA in the background during the lessons so as to not eat into learning time. So children just because you may not hear your name, we are looking out for you (and your big sleepy smiles first thing in the morning!).



As a team, we are constantly reviewing the delivery of our online lessons and we will make changes when we feel necessary for the better. One of the changes we are making after reflecting on this week is that we will allow those children who want to and can do, if sibling sessions don't clash, a 5 minute pre lesson catch up time with their class, this will be supervised by the class teacher, to ensure that discussions are still acceptable under the school rules and expectations, but it will allow children a bit of social time with each other which we feel is essential. Teachers will also try and fit in at least one longer afternoon catch up session each week where a PSHE style session will take place to ensure that the children have that connection with their classmates as best they can throughout this remote time.

Once again, thank you for your patience, support and understanding with the online lessons, it's not just the children that are doing lots of learning at the minute, believe me!

Online French Lessons

Starting from next week we will also be having online French lessons on a **Wednesday** with Madame Elliott, these lessons can be accessed through the French Remote Learning Google classroom page (the same process as your child's class page). Times as follows:

Class 1	-	12.30pm - 1.00pm
Year 5 & 6	-	2.00pm - 2.30pm
Class 2	-	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Class 3	-	3.00pm - 3.30pm

Whole School Worship

Mr Challinor or Ms Bowring will be running an online worship for all children on a **Monday at 3pm** through the following link meet.google.com/qoc-ojlm-mhz , as per our usual worships, only TSSMAT email accounts will be accepted into the meeting.

Trouble accessing remote learning or broadband issues?

If you experience any difficulty with the online learning, broadband issues or technology issues please get in touch, we will do our best to help. There are avenues that we can go down to try and support vulnerable families with access to laptops and internet access.

We have also been very touched by kind members of the Kings Bromley community who have contacted our school offering the loan of old technology to those children who do not have any access for online learning during lockdown. Thank you!

Xboxes and Playstations

We have been informed that you can also access Google classroom through Xboxes and PlayStations, please see the information below.

Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Hwb

Accessing your remote learning. An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown.

Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in: Hwb and log in as you would in school
5. You can then access your work through Google Classroom or OneDrive and use key packages including:
 - Word
 - Teams
 - Excel
 - PowerPoint
 - Your emails
6. To move around you use the Xbox control or plug in a mouse

PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type Hwb into the browser and log in as you would in school
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Once again I would just like to say thank you for all of the support that you have given us as a school, and thank you to all of my amazingly dedicated staff for the effort they have put in at very short notice with the online learning. We miss the children very much and cannot wait to get back to a normal way of life as soon as we can. Hopefully if we all stick to the rules and continue to work together, we can make the most of this difficult situation and be back to life as we knew it as soon as possible.

As always, if there are any problems at all, please get in touch via the school office email and we will do our very best to support you in any way we can.

Best wishes to you and your family. Take care and stay safe.



Ms Bowring and Team

