



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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A Message from Mrs Greenwood

It has been a busy first full week back at school and it has been great to see so many children engaging with the live lessons and completing the online tasks. The teachers and pupils have adapted quickly to this new way of learning. We appreciate that you might have difficulties at times with some of the home learning, we are here to help and support you. There is someone in the office from 8.00am to 4.00pm every weekday.

This is a difficult time for us all and the situation is not easy for any of us. We need to remember to be kind to each other through our phone calls, texts and messages as the situation we find ourselves in is not of our choosing or making and is affecting all schools, parents and teachers across the world.

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you".

Ephesians 4:32



"Nothing beats kindness." said the horse. "It sits quietly beyond all things."

Lockdown



As you are aware the country is in a National Lockdown. To keep everyone safe and to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 we are open to children of key workers and vulnerable pupils only.

Live Lessons Expectations

When the teacher is teaching a live lesson through "Meet" sent by a link on Google Classroom the expectations are as follows:

1. Children must be **appropriately dressed**
2. Children must not be in bed
3. All children must ALWAYS be respectful of others on the Meet and follow our ALWAYS rights
4. Children should stay muted because of background noise until they want to speak
5. **Adults (if needed for support in EYFS/KS1) must also be appropriately dressed.**



Online Learning Timetable

We are now using Google Classroom for online learning.

Google Classroom will be where your child's live lessons will be streamed from and where their work is uploaded to. They will be expected to log onto Google Classroom at least twice daily to access their maths and English/ phonics lesson during the times below. A task will also be set in the afternoon.

Maths			
9:00-9:30	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
9:30- 10:00	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
10:00-10:30	EYFS		
English/Phonics			
10:30- 11:00		Year 2	Year 3
11:00-11:30	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11:30-12:00	EYFS	Year 1	

Sora App – Online Library



Don't forget all children have access to their very own online library to help with their daily reads at home. They can login using their Purple Mash details. Download your favourite books onto phones, ipads, tablets etc.

You can access Sora online using the link below or download the app.

Happy reading

<https://soraapp.com/library/ukprimary>

Drop Off and Pick Up of Pupils

The gates into the school playground will be open to drop off children of key workers and vulnerable pupils from 8.40am and will be open again at 3.10pm for pupils to be collected. For your own safety and for that of the pupils and staff we are only able to allow **1 parent/carer** on the school yard to drop off children and to collect them after school. This is to prevent gatherings in the yard and to adhere to the government social distancing guidelines that have been put in place to keep you and your children safe. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. **Due to the current situation with Lockdown we are unable to allow parents/carers to enter the building.**

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Contact Telephone Numbers



From past experience we know that people change their mobile phones over the Christmas period, can you please make sure that we have your up-to-date phone numbers – this is critical in case of emergencies. It also means you will receive important messages (e.g. school closures, club cancellations, etc.) via text message.

Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown- We hope it helps in some way.

Please click on the link below:

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_7_digital211220

**Stay safe,
The Family First Team**

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:

	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Daynton & Emily	Lola-Mai
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Sophie & Ava-Sue	Emmie
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Oscar & Sky	Mia P
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Emily & Tulisa	Harley
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Isabella & Hannah	Lilly P
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Alex & Macey F	Rebecca
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Deakon & Jacob	Tyler

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher