



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

This week our new After School Club opened. I have received many positive comments from the families who are using this facility. The children are enjoying the relaxed atmosphere, range of games and toys and the time outside too. Many thanks go to Krisztina and Kate, our new club leaders, for making such a great start. Booking information for the first half of the Summer Term will be sent out during the course of next week. We are encouraging booking in half term blocks but, currently, we can also accommodate ad-hoc bookings on some evenings. Please contact the office to enquire.

I have now collated the results of the lock down and remote learning survey. Thank you to all parents who responded. I am pleased to say we had a very positive take up with 70 responses to the questionnaire.

On questions relating to school communication over 95% of you agreed that school communication was clear. Parents also agreed that communication between school, teachers and families was good. Over 95% also agreed that the home learning provided covered a broad curriculum. Over 85% agreed that the organisation of learning on the website was clear. The questions relating to learning and well-being opportunities offered over Zoom had more diverse feedback. Feedback was still very positive with 80% feeling their children enjoyed the sessions and 70% appreciating the added recorded facility offered this time around.

The comment opportunity was taken up by approximately half of the respondents and of those comments two thirds were very positive and thanked the school and staff for their hard work. General themes focussed on the welcome addition of teachers' voices on power point presentations, clear communication, the breadth of the curriculum, the continuation of a sense of community as well as additional themes and challenges. The challenges expressed by some families generally focussed on Zoom sessions. Several parents commented on the relatively short sessions and the decision to focus on phonic teaching. Whilst we had hoped that recording sessions would allow parents greater flexibility and enable teachers to record inputs for new blocks of learning, the take up for these was limited.

The school community across Windsor agreed that for such young children long periods of time on Zoom was not appropriate. As a school we were keen to ensure that areas of national and school focus were led by teaching staff in bite size chunks to maintain interest. We also wanted to provide opportunities to come together as a year group as a way of maintaining a sense of community.

Lock down is hard for all on varying levels and all staff in school appreciate the difficulty of working at home and supporting young children with their learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your part in helping your children during this difficult time. The survey results are very positive and a credit to our teaching staff.

As part of our work on safeguarding young people in our care the teachers will be leading a Personal, Social and Health Education session on the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme run by NSPCC next week. I am



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attaching further information to the newsletter. Please do let me or your class teachers know if you have any questions.

This week I sent out information on how to book a telephone consultation with your class teacher. The purpose of these sessions is to provide an opportunity for discussion on how your child is settling back into school after the second lock down. Please let the office know as soon as possible, if you have not done so already.

Finally, please remember that whilst school has returned to normal, the country is still in lockdown. I am attaching some information sent out by the borough for your attention.

Kind regards,

Louise Lovegrove



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