

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support with the home learning lessons and activities that have been set on Google Classroom. Teachers have really enjoyed seeing the learning from home. Please continue to use the private message facility to keep in contact with your child's class teacher. If you are having difficulties uploading any work, please call the office and I can talk you through how to do it.

You should have received the assembly Zoom details for this week. Zoom gives us the option of having up to 100 users for a meeting at any one time, let's hope the internet connections are strong for us all on these days! Please remember, only your child should be visible on the screen.

Thank you to our critical worker families that have reduced their children's time in school when working various shift patterns. **Can I please remind the other critical worker families that if you are at home due to a scheduled day off, you MUST keep your child/children at home with you. Also, even if you are a critical worker, your child/children should be kept at home if there is another adult at home to care for them. You should only bring your child into school when there is no other possible alternative.** We need to work together to reduce the number of children that we have in school each day. We currently have around 30% of our pupils in school compared to the last lockdown when we only had around 10%. Please continue to notify the school if your critical worker child will not be in school.

Can I please remind you to adhere to the latest Government guidelines regarding household mixing both indoors and outdoors. Stevenage Borough Council announced yesterday that all outdoor gyms and play areas will be closed for 4 weeks. Coronavirus cases are rising rapidly in Stevenage – they have increased from 350 per 100,000 people in the middle of December to around 850 per 100,000. There has been a spike in cases of 0-11 year olds and 20-39 year olds, who are likely to gather in play areas. It is vital that we all stick to the guidelines to protect ourselves, our family and friends and to reduce infections in our communities. The sooner we do this, the sooner everyone can return to some sort of normality.

Teachers have started to make telephone contact with their classes, and we will aim for this to take place each week. However, our staffing levels have reduced again this week which means some classes may not receive a weekly phone call as staff are working with the children in school, we will try our best. Please note that we only have 2 external telephone lines. If you are trying to contact the school and the line is engaged, please call back when you can, if it is an urgent message, please email our admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk account. Our Year 6 children's weekly phone calls will start next week as parent consultations are taking place for these children this week and Mr Peck has contacted them in this way.

School has access to laptops that we can lend to families if necessary, however, we will expect you to sign a disclaimer form before they are loaned to you. If your home situation has changed and you need financial support, please contact the school as we may be able to help you.

Please do not forget to keep in contact with the school and email in photos of the children doing their activities so we can tweet and share them with the rest of the school community.

Please stay safe and continue to keep the school community in your prayers.

Yours sincerely

Miss Puccio
Headteacher



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