



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

Love to learn, Love God, Love one another

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Dear parent/carer,

We hope that you and your loved ones are well.

As we continue in this period of partial school closure, we just wanted to thank you for your support of the live lessons and for your efforts to help your child with any learning which is completed at home. Please can we request that any work completed at home is emailed to school where possible, as we use this to help guide the next steps to planning for your child. This can be done via photographs emailed to your child's teacher, or following any steps provided when work is sent out.

Many of you will have begun to use the wonderful new 'Discovery Education' platform in which we have invested, and over the next few weeks, we will send instructions on how work can be submitted through this and also via Microsoft Teams. For children struggling to attend some of the live sessions, please also note that Microsoft Teams can also be accessed through Xbox!

We are missing seeing all of the children face-to-face each day, however, by attending sessions on Microsoft Teams, we are delighted to be able to wave at each other and share smiles! For those children whose parents/carers are classed as a 'critical worker', please can we remind of the guidelines which we have to follow from the Department for Education which state that: *"Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can."*

Earlier today, you may have received an email in relation to the 'Arbor' Management Information System which we now use in school. As part of this, we are delighted to be offering the facility for parents/carers to now pay for meals etc online, or through debit/credit card. We know that this is something which has been requested by a number of parents and may be more convenient for some. Payments can still be made by cash at the moment. To access this system, simply follow the login links sent to the registered email address. If you haven't received this email, please check your junk folder first and then let us know if it hasn't reached you.

Can we again send our thanks for the thoughtful messages of support and gestures during this challenging time and also for the hard work which many of you are able to complete at home with your child's learning. We know it can be tricky at times, so please let us know if there is anything with which we can help.

Please stay safe and enjoy your weekend,

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