



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13, ESV)

We have chosen the Christian Value of Endurance to focus on for the next few weeks as our school community continues to search for hope through the challenging circumstances we find ourselves in. Pupils will learn about the story of Nehemiah, a man of God who knew the importance of keeping going and not giving up even when it felt like everything was against him. Nehemiah sought help from God and others during trying times and God faithfully responded. We are hopeful that these wise words will sustain us all over the coming months.

It was devastating to hear the news this week of 100,000 deaths in the UK from Covid-19 and we are aware that we are grieving many members of our school community. Please take the time to read the current [lockdown guidance](#) and ensure you are doing all you can to protect lives.

Yesterday, the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the reopening of schools from Monday 8 March.

We will remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers who cannot keep their children safely at home after February half-term, as we are now. All other pupils will continue to receive remote education at home.

Critical Workers

The current Government guidelines state that parents who are '*critical workers should keep their children at home if they can*'. This advice is given to limit the number of pupils in school, to reduce transmission and to enable schools to stay open for the children of frontline critical workers in places such as hospitals who have no possibility of their children remaining at home.

In the last three weeks we have had positive COVID cases in Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 and we have had to close these bubbles. Our Governing Body has asked us to reduce the number of children in school wherever possible to prevent further positive cases.

Remote Learning

We have been encouraged by the very high levels of engagement in our remote learning and the effort that children are putting into their learning at home - a great sign of their endurance! As engagement in remote learning is compulsory, class teachers are logging pupil engagement each day and following this up with emails

and calls home when a child's engagement is a concern. The regular use of Google Meet calls with small groups of children is the primary means through which teachers can ascertain whether pupils have understood the work, identify gaps in understanding and give pupils direct feedback and often correct misconceptions. It is understandable that parents may need to support younger children in accessing the google meet but once their child is online it is helpful if parents do not remain on the call. Please do not use the Google meet as an opportunity to communicate with the class teacher, rather send a polite comment on Google Classroom using the private comment function.

We are continuing to make improvements to our monitoring and feedback to support learning and this week we are trialling verbal feedback on Google Classroom in some year groups as well as using self-marking forms to support the consolidation of knowledge.

Our class teachers are working harder than ever to deliver remote learning, support pupils on site, plan lessons, mark work, make calls and respond to safeguarding concerns, whilst managing their own personal experiences of Covid-19. Thank you to all the parents who continue to support our fantastic staff with words of encouragement and gratitude for their outstanding commitment to all our pupils.

Safeguarding

We understand that children will be spending more time on devices during lockdown. We are really pleased that children are using Google Classroom safely and appropriately and have understood that our school rules apply both in school and online. We ask that parents continue to monitor their child's use of other technology including gaming devices and smart phones to ensure their child is keeping safe online.

Children should not be left at home alone when they are online with their class teacher, even for a short while. This is unsafe and puts the member of staff in a difficult position; situations such as these will be escalated to the safeguarding team.

Testing for Staff

Given the high transmission rates within the local community and the increasing numbers of positive cases within schools in central Ealing (higher than Southall, Northolt and Greenford) we are pleased to be starting bi-weekly lateral flow testing for school staff this week.

Parents' Evening

We have decided to move our Parents' Evening until the second half of the Spring Term to enable us to have more information regarding a return to school for pupils. Our Parents' Evening will take place online again this year and we will announce the date after half term. Parents' Evening will take place before the Easter holiday.

Thank you again for your commitment to Christ the Saviour as it endeavours to bring hope and light to all during these times.

Best wishes,
Mrs Tramoni