



# CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)*

It has been encouraging for all of us to learn more about the story of Nehemiah over the past few weeks, to hear how Nehemiah was strengthened through prayer and didn't give up even when things seemed impossible. There have been many wonderful examples within our school community of support through these difficult times and this support has offered much needed encouragement to those at school and in their homes. At the end of the story of Nehemiah we heard that the people of Jerusalem had strengthened their faith and they celebrated and worshipped God together. At the end of this half term, whilst we cannot be together, we are reminded of many things for which we are thankful and we can celebrate - the support of our school community, the birth of siblings during lockdown, the fantastic home learning that our pupils have shared with their teachers and each others' prayers that shall endure these difficult times.

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. Our understanding is that there will be a further announcement about the reopening of schools on 22nd February and we shall send out further updates as soon as we hear more information about this.

## **Safeguarding - Online Safety**

The [news article](#) on our website shows lots of ways we are working to help keep our pupils safe online, particularly in this period when pupils are spending increased amounts of time on their devices. At school, we use filters established through London Grid for Learning to ensure pupils are only able to access safe, educational online content on their school devices. When pupils are working on chromebooks at home this school based filtering is not in place and your home filtering system should work to limit unsafe content; please do check that your internet filters are set appropriately to safeguard your children.

To help us protect pupils from unsafe online content we have recently purchased a cloud based online safeguarding and monitoring software which helps us monitor pupils' online activity through their school accounts. This new monitoring system will enable us to provide early intervention for pupil safeguarding issues and help us to support pupils to learn from their mistakes quickly and safely.

Please remind your child that school chromebooks should be used for educational purposes only as specified in the terms and agreements signed when chromebooks were taken off site. Gaming or watching videos about gaming is not permitted on a school device. Our school rules are in place during this period of lockdown when pupils are on site and at home and they should ensure that they are being safe, kind and actively learning when using their school devices. We recommend that parents search their child's browser history regularly, this can be done easily on a school chromebook by selecting the 3 vertical buttons in the right hand corner of the screen and selecting 'History' from the drop down menu. A complete list of the

websites your child has visited and the days and times they accessed them will then appear. You can also use 'Ctrl H' as a shortcut to see a user's browser history.

### **Half term Extra Curricular Activities**

We are keen for our pupils and staff to have some screen free time over half term and teachers have not set any formal half term homework. We have attached four activities that your child may enjoy if they would like to complete a practical activity during half term. Please email [partialclosure@cts-school.org](mailto:partialclosure@cts-school.org) if you would like to submit your child's work for a competition or to be included in our news article on the website after half term. We really do love looking at photographs of what your child has been learning or creating at home! Also, do look out for a website article by Mr Hingley with details of a football activity that children may enjoy.

### **Reporting Covid cases over half term**

If your child has been attending school this term we are required to support NHS test and trace over half term. If your child tests positive for Covid-19 and developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school** then you should inform the school in the usual way and we will assist in identifying close contacts and advise self-isolation as necessary. Please email the admin team: [admin@cts-school.org](mailto:admin@cts-school.org) with the following information included:

Subject: **Covid test result**

Child's name:

Class:

The date your child developed symptoms:

The date your child took the test and the result:

These emails will be monitored by senior staff until Tuesday 16th February. If your child develops symptoms **more than 48 hours** after being in school we do not need to be contacted. In this case parents should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS test and trace.

Our data is clear that there is a spike in infections following a holiday so we ask that all pupils, staff and parents continue to follow the [national guidelines](#) and ensure you are doing all you can to protect lives and limit the spread of the disease.

Wishing you a safe and restful half term.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Tramoni