

‘Living, Loving, Learning’

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I just wanted to write to you at the end of what has been a long week.

Things have obviously been a lot different this week, with only a very small number of pupils coming into school. For these children, the government have been very clear, that schools are now providing emergency childcare, rather than education. Schools are operating in a totally different way and are working with skeleton staff in order for staff to consider the wellbeing of both themselves and their families.

For this, I am extremely grateful. Our staff have been fantastic in being flexible with their own arrangements to ensure that they are able to come in and support the running of the ‘school’. They have many matters to attend to themselves, but all Teachers, TA’s, Lunchtime Supervisors, Cleaners, Site and Kitchen staff have played their part in enabling us to operate in this limited capacity.

I would also like to thank you all for your positive messages and support. They have been greatly appreciated. I know this is a difficult time, and having the children at home is not always easy- as a dad of 4 children I can certainly vouch for that! However, home is the safest place for your child and you are the people they feel safest with, so try to enjoy this time and in years to come, we can hopefully relive these moments as testing, but also memorable times.

Teachers have sent information out on the website under the class/year group pages. In terms of providing structured day to day learning, this is not possible. It is also not possible for us to photocopy enough work for each child. As time goes by, there will be some further information on Twitter if you are signed up and there is also a wealth of information to be found on the internet. Please remember that this has been a testing time for staff too, so please bear with us. For my own children, we have used the curriculum maps and found work online to match the topics. Some children will do a lot, others won’t. That is fine. Do not worry if you see others who appear to be doing much more than yourself. What is right for one child is not for another. Everyone has their own circumstances and is facing different challenges. Don’t battle with the children; just keep them safe and reassured.

There has been some confusion over Free School Meal entitlement. To clarify, if you are in Rec- Y6 and have been accepted onto the council free school meal scheme, you are entitled to our offer. **If your child receives a free school meal in the infants, this does not automatically make you eligible, as all infant children receive this.** If you have not been accepted through the council, you will unfortunately not be able to access any support at this time. If there are any queries regarding this, please call the school and we will advise you.

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Finally, we do not know how long all of this will last for- nobody does. We have some decisions to make regarding Easter provision, Free School Meals over the holiday period and many other things moving forwards. We will be in touch as soon as we receive guidance from the LA.

Please take care of yourselves and your families and we hope to see you soon.

Kind regards from myself and all at St Elizabeth’s.

Mr Daniels



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Headteacher

