

‘Living, Loving, Learning’

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you and your families are well.

This is just an update regarding what is happening both inside and outside of school.

This is now the third week of the second lockdown and although we have experienced it before, it is just as difficult the second time around. Things seem to be changing by the day and it is obviously very difficult to keep up with developments. I am lucky to have such a dedicated staff and I am thankful for how flexible they have been over the last two weeks. We ourselves have some staff who are shielding, others who are in isolation and some who have unfortunately caught the virus. It has been difficult to manage both the delivery of lessons in school for some children, whilst providing work online for others; however I would say that the staff have managed this really well.

We have had some questions from parents regarding ‘Zoom’ lessons, but this is not something that we are providing at the moment. I meet regularly with other Heads from Sefton and the vast majority are not going down this route at present. There are obviously safeguarding and logistical issues and at this time, we are continuing to post work online on Purple Mash and also on Twitter (@stelizcps). The work can be easily accessed through the school website and if you have any problems, please call us. We also offer a work pack for anyone who wishes to collect one and again, please call us and we will arrange for one to be left at the office.

We do have a limited number of digital devices to be loaned out, so if you have no access to a digital device, please get in touch. As I said, we only have a limited amount, so please only contact us if you have no device so as not to deprive another child of it.

Regarding Free School Meal Vouchers, any parent who is entitled to these has so far received an allocation of 2 weeks’ worth. Moving forwards, we are looking to give out the vouchers in larger amounts to cover a longer period of time. We will be in touch regarding this as soon as possible. We have now been told to use a Government online ordering system and we are only able to order from today. Following the order, it can take a number of days to be approved, but rest assured, all children will get their entitlement.

In terms of home schooling, as ever, just do what you can. I spent some time last week self-isolating and I tried to complete some work with my children and failed miserably! Do not get stressed and as a bare minimum, please complete some reading, basic maths and a little writing each day. We know lots of parents are juggling working from home and other commitments, so just do your best. The staff will ring regularly and this is just a check-in to see how both you and the children are. Please do not feel guilty and think we are judging on how much work they have been doing!

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All primary schools are set to begin home testing of **staff** from next week, so this is something we are receiving documentation on this week and are trying to organise. As stated, this is only for staff and **not** for pupils. If you or your child have no symptoms, there are SMART testing centres in Sefton, with the nearest being Bootle Baths. If you have symptoms, **you must not attend a SMART testing centre** and should book a test online at a suitable site.

To finish on a positive note, our school has recently been nominated for ‘Outstanding Commitment to Sport in Primary School’. The winner will be announced on 29th January and we all have our fingers crossed! We will let you know as soon as we have been told. Thank you to Mrs Hallinan and all of the staff for the excellent physical activities that they provide for the children. You are able to sign up to watch the event on the Educate Awards website.

Take care of yourselves and your families and keep posting on Twitter!

Regards



Mr L Daniels
Headteacher

