

ST ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again we find ourselves in a national lockdown situation with school closed to all but the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. We all find ourselves in a very stressful situation that is far from ideal for everyone. It is important that we support each other and try to stay safe and healthy. Let us hope that the situation changes in the next few weeks.

A change from the last lockdown is our use of Seesaw as a remote learning platform. This has worked really well and allows regular communication between teacher and home. Teachers set work for your child that matches what they would have been learning in school. Teachers can support home learning with videos, PowerPoints, worksheets etc. They can be contacted quickly with any questions about the work being completed and feedback is given for work sent back in to the teacher. Many children are now comfortable using Seesaw and lots of work is being completed which is a credit to you all.

We will not be using any other platform such as Zoom to feed live lessons. There are a variety of practical reasons for this:

Not all children have access to technology all the time. They may be sharing equipment or parents are using this as they are working from home. Some pupils cannot complete work during the day and have to wait until equipment becomes available in the evening.

Teachers are still working in school and supporting the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. They may be working with pupils from several year groups. Their workload has increased significantly as they balance the work they are doing in school with the maintenance of remote learning. Safeguarding issues are still a concern for staff using a live feed.

I have received emails from parents already who are worried about home schooling because of their personal circumstances. I want to reiterate that we are all doing our best. You must never feel that you are not doing enough. Supporting your children at this difficult time in the best way you can is so important.

Please continue to communicate with your class teacher. I wish to thank you as we start this period of lockdown for working alongside us.

Kind regards

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