

ST. BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We thought it might be useful to update you on the latest developments in school. As you will be aware, the situation has changed incredibly quickly and we are all adapting to the new lockdown. Here are a few pieces of important information for you to note:

REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you to those families who have engaged so well with remote learning today. We aim to offer children working at home a robust and engaging curriculum which is as close to the curriculum that children in school are accessing. We are aware that children have missed so much already and really appreciate your support in helping us to ensure that your child continues to make progress, even whilst at home. However, we do understand that remote learning is an incredibly difficult challenge, particularly for parents who work from home, and want to help families as much as we can. We are all learning as we go with this and appreciate your patience and feedback.

- Your child's lessons will be uploaded on to Seesaw each day at 9am. During the school day (9am-3.30pm) staff in your child's class will monitor this and provide feedback on tasks. Staff will not be monitoring Seesaw outside of these hours as they need time to plan, prepare and upload new resources for children at home and in school. If you or your child is unsure of what to do, simply post a question on the activity and the teacher or teaching assistant will respond to this. Please note, staff are still teaching in school and so the response may not be immediate.
- We would encourage your child to complete tasks during the school day and upload their responses before 3.30pm. However, we are aware this might not always be possible. Any work uploaded after this time will be acknowledged but will not receive written feedback.
- A record will be kept of all tasks completed by pupils each day. If your child repeatedly fails to complete any tasks, we will contact you to see if we can offer any support.
- Your child's class teacher will call every week to speak to you and your child. We are currently devising a timetable of when this will take place and calls will start from next week. This will give you and your child the chance to discuss how things are going or any concerns you may have. Please remember, you can also use the parent e-mail (stbedesrcvparents@durhamlearning.net) for general queries for your class teacher.
- Weekly certificates will be awarded as usual every Monday to both children working at home and in school and your child will also receive privilege cards for any excellent work they submit. A special lockdown reading reward system is about to be launched in the next few days-more information will follow!

OFFICE

At present the office will not always be manned. E-mail is the best way to contact us at present but if you do need to call and get no answer, please try again as unfortunately the answer phone system is currently not working.

Thank you once again for your speedy and supportive response to this ever changing and challenging situation. We will continue to keep you informed on all matters but please do just contact us if you have any queries.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E. Alderson'.

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