

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents /Carers,

I hope you have managed to have a restful and relaxing Christmas break, given the circumstances, and that you and your loved ones have continued to stay well.

You will be aware that, from today, primary schools in areas where the COVID-19 infection rate is highest will be closed for the majority of pupils to help reduce transmission and protect the NHS. This includes Ealing and all London Boroughs. The government will review this decision in two weeks (18th January).

With such a late announcement, we have been working on a plan to ensure that children at Our Lady of the Visitation can continue to learn from home.

### **IT Access**

The expectation is that ALL children access remote learning. As part of this we have given laptops to a small number of families without devices. Please let your class teacher know if you have no family access to a chrome book / laptop by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and we will prioritise distribution of the limited number of devices we have in school.

### **Critical Worker/Vulnerable Provision**

We have over 80 children registered for provision for vulnerable and the children of critical workers, these children will be accessing the same remote learning as those at home. Details have been emailed to parents who have registered.

### **Remote Learning provision**

The government's expectations regarding online learning are very clear; primary schools are expected to set work that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school – a minimum of three hours. Therefore, class teachers will be planning and creating resources, including videos, to upload to ClassDojo each day, and will be marking children's work daily. As in the past, please do as much as you can with your child. A reminder that some children take longer to complete tasks than others.

The timetable for this week, along with the daily tasks and teacher input sessions will be uploaded onto ClassDojo by 9am tomorrow morning. This will consist of daily English and Maths lessons, RE and topic lessons. Your child should be reading every day and taking some exercise.

We are continually looking to improve our provision and have been trialling Google Classroom as a more efficient means of engaging with the older children. This will also enable us to do more targeted teaching. Every child from year 2 to year 6 has had the opportunity to log onto Google Classroom in school. Your child's username and password will be sent to you via ClassDojo and instructions on how to log on are attached to this email. If you have not received this by tomorrow evening please contact your class teacher.

We will continue to use ClassDojo for Nursery/Reception and year 1 and will be moving to Google Classroom for pupils in year 2 to year 6 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. We will trial using Google Classroom and Google Meet from this Wednesday, with morning and afternoon registration and the occasional lesson. Google Meet is similar to zoom but children have their own login so do not need to use your email.

Your class teacher will notify you of the lessons that will be uploaded and your child's registration times. If you have children in more than one class sharing a device they could take

turns logging onto their class registration if there is a clash. They can all join in with the daily prayer.

If you have any queries please contact your teacher through ClassDojo. Class teachers will continue to communicate with you through ClassDojo

I hope and anticipate that this will be a significantly shorter period of disruption than the previous lockdown at the end of the year.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Coll'. The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Miss K. Coll