



St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

Headteacher:
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Dear Parents/ Carers

A very happy new year to you. 2020 was certainly a year of challenges and one like no other. A new year always offers new hope for us. Today we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, children in school joined a virtual Mass with Fr Nick. During Mass, we were reminded of the wise men from the East, who travelled to find baby Jesus; the light of the world. The wise men's journey was long and difficult, we too are on a long and difficult journey but we must remain hopeful for the future ahead and trust that we are all playing our part in the fight against coronavirus.

Remote Learning

Sadly, with news of the third National Lockdown we have now moved to remote learning for the majority of pupils. We recognise the concerns you may have and I'm sure you know that as a school community we will do all that we can to support parents and carers throughout this time.

Knowing that the children will be working remotely until at least 12th February helps us to plan for the coming weeks. We have made significant changes to Remote Learning following responses from our parent questionnaire.

All children have been provided with a workbook suitable for their year group. These workbooks are for handwriting, grammar, comprehension and maths.

Every morning, your child's class teacher will upload a welcome video onto Tapestry. This video will explain the day's learning and set out the activities all children need to complete. During the day, there will also be two other video lessons for your child to participate in. Following each lesson, the children will have an activity to complete. Please upload work to Tapestry each day. The lessons set for children learning at home are the same lessons being taught in school.

Tapestry allows us to see which children have viewed resources and videos so we can constantly monitor pupil engagement. Our staff are working extremely hard to provide home learning using the facilities available to us in school. All children are expected to engage. All children are expected to bring in all work completed during school closure once school reopens.

Please note: All videos that are uploaded onto Tapestry are for our pupils only. Please do not share any content via Social Media. Content must remain on Tapestry and must not be shared or recorded.

Blended Learning

We now have a blended approach to home learning. Workbooks and Tapestry are used to lessen the need for worksheets or online resources. If you do not have a device Tapestry can be accessed from a mobile phone. You will be able to watch the short videos and view what your child needs to complete in their workbook.



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Tapestry

You may have experienced some technical difficulties with Tapestry today. The site was overwhelmed with the number of schools using the platform for home learning. Tapestry are working to ensure this is resolved.

School Contact

During lockdown your child's class teacher will be phoning you weekly to maintain contact whilst your child is learning from home. This will be a short conversation, during this time you can ask about home learning and ensure you are able to support your child.

Your child's class teacher will contact you each week within the requested time. This may be from a withheld number.

Thank you to those who have already completed the contact forms sent via School Jotter. If you have not yet completed the form please do so today to help staff plan their time accordingly.

Thank you

I would like to express my gratitude to our whole school community. Our children have once again shown great resilience. From the children returning to school today to the children sharing pictures of home learning; it amazes me how quickly they are able to adapt.

You as parents have once again found yourselves either working on the frontline supporting the countries mission as we battle with this virus or once again supporting home learning. We understand the strain you are under and will always offer support where we can.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff, nothing could have prepared us for the challenges we have been facing for the past 10 months. We are very fortunate to have a talented team at St Elizabeth's who are continuing to go above and beyond for our children and families. Our teaching staff have had little notice to adapt their way of working. They are now balancing remote learning with teaching children in school, ensuring our children are happy and safe during what is an anxious time for all.

We appreciate your patience now more than ever.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs L Kelly
Headteacher