



LEIGH ST PETER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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I just want to say thank you to everyone for being so patient and supportive over the last week.



HOMESCHOOLING:

Once again, many of you are finding yourself in a job that you haven't been trained for or paid to do, for that matter. I imagine some of you are feeling a little anxious about it this time – at least last time we had the lovely weather for the children to enjoy and let off steam outside. This time school feels in a much better position to provide a very different and comprehensive model of home learning for your child: with high quality support for your child's learning and pastoral needs. Over the last year, we have used our time well to look at what is on offer and have skilled ourselves up with the technology to manage remote learning effectively. Obviously, like everything there are always pitfalls - home internet, IT devices and getting your children to complete the work set for them. We will work with you as much as possible to support you with all your concerns. However, we need your support with this. This lockdown is very different, children have missed many weeks of school already. We have tried hard in the Autumn to term to provide catch up work but we don't want them to miss out on any more.

Over the next 5 weeks we will be providing at least 3 hours of learning per day for your children. From Monday, next week, this will be posted on Seesaw. Many of you would have received information about that already and I know some children have already downloaded the app. The staff in your child's year group will be commenting on the work and making contact regularly. They will offer daily catch ups and online teaching via Zoom and for some children other staff will provide additional specific phonic and virtual pastoral support.

We appreciate that there are some families that don't have access to the internet for tablets or may have limited data on their phones. The government have announced a temporary scheme that increases mobile data on certain networks to support access to face-to-face education. This is for families that don't have fixed broadband, can't afford additional data for their devices or have poor internet so regularly lose connection. Currently the following networks are in the scheme: Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile and Sky Mobile and they are expecting more to join. School will need to apply for this so please look out for a link in the next couple of days to apply.

BENEFITS DRIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

You will have seen information on the school dojo story today about the way we are supporting our families for free school meals this lockdown. The government are not providing vouchers this time so we have asked our kitchen provider to provide food boxes rather than grab bags. These will be delivered weekly and include sandwich ingredients, milk, yoghurts and fruit. The link is on the school Dojo story until tomorrow morning (Thursday 7th). If you have missed out on ordering one and would like one please call the school office and ask to speak to Miss Burton. If you have ordered them, they will be delivered each week until half term.

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RESPECT:

Our Christian value next half term is RESPECT.

This bible quote is from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - 15: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing... always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else."



Together with God we challenge minds, recognise talents and build dreams.

