



ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

The school has once again opened for children of key workers, EHCP plans and vulnerable children. Messages can be left on the school telephone which is checked daily between 8.30 am – 3.30 pm. We aim to get back to you on the day you call. There has been much talk about when schools will reopen for all but like you we are very much in the dark. What is clear is that there is still no definite end in sight to the process of homeschooling for now.

Speaking of which the **class home learning blogs** on the website had been password protected to allow teachers time to set them up. That password has now been removed so they can be accessed by all. These blogs will be updated weekly. Any feedback to teachers can go through the email info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk and be redirected to the appropriate class teacher if you put their name in the subject box. It is very nice for teachers and children to finally have some form of regular contact. It is a very unnatural feeling for a class teacher to be so long without his/her class.

If you are **entitled to receive Free School Meals for your child** you will receive a £30 voucher electronically via email which can be presented to approved supermarkets. A £30 voucher covers a 2 week period. Some of you will have already received your vouchers **within the last 24 hrs, others of you are in a queue waiting for your vouchers to be released.** Vouchers are valid for 1 year. The system is slow moving. However if you have not heard anything by the end of the week, get in contact with Ann Shields at office@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk If anyone is in serious need we have arranged for food to be delivered to the school this week. Those families in serious need who have not yet received a voucher, regardless of eligibility for Free School Meals, should contact the school at info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk by 10am tomorrow to confirm their interest in collecting a food bag this week. Details of collections dates to follow.

The Department for Education announced that all exams due to take place in schools and colleges in England in summer 2020 are cancelled. This means for primary schools that there will be no phonics, key stage 1, Multiplication Tables Check and key stage 2 tests. I know many children will be very disappointed as they have worked really hard this year.

Thank you for all the kind comments and cards towards the end of last term. We really appreciate them. It is a very difficult time for everyone and no-one has been left untouched by this virus.

If you need anything we can help with, please let us know.

Best wishes and keep safe.

Ms B McDaid
Headteacher