

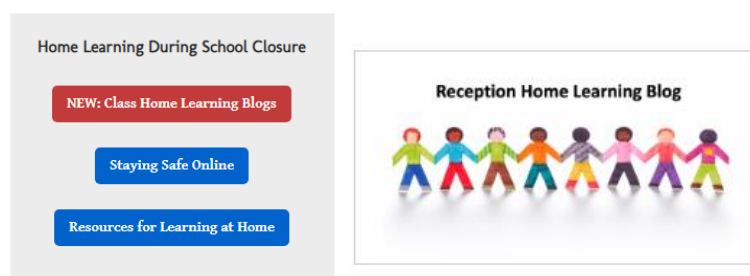
4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so strange how life has changed so quickly, beyond all recognition and expectation, bringing to us new realities and pressures. We are now entering the sixth week of lockdown and awaiting Prime Minister Boris Johnson's plan, on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. It may contain information about schools. When we finally re-open, we must make sure we do this safely, which will probably mean that we will not have all children in at the same time, so we can maintain social distancing as much as possible.

Class blogs are now well established on the school website.

<https://www.st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk/class-home-learning-blogs.html>



Work is planned on a daily basis and you will note this week is a four day week for students. Friday as a bank holiday, is a rest for all from home schooling. We understand that whilst lots of work is set it may not be possible to complete it all. Some of the challenges facing you may include limited access to devices such as laptops or tablets, weak WiFi signals, trying to work from home whilst homeschooling children. Please do not worry about your children falling behind, we will make sure we do everything we can to ensure all children are able to catch up over time. We will start planning for this at the earliest possible opportunity and I will keep you informed.

Purple Mash, Mathletics and Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) are encouraged as they can be done independently. Let us know if you need replacement passwords for these via [info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

The teachers, as always, are missing their pupils. There are plans next week for each teacher to speak to children in their class via telephone calls. This is just a catch up not a check up. More details will follow.

I would like to thank you all for your support. I must also thank the staff for continuing to support homelearning via blogs and supervising key workers and those who are vulnerable within the school setting. I would also like to thank the administrative team who have battled with Edenred to secure vouchers and co-ordinated communications and pick ups.

Everyone feels a bit adrift at the moment. However, I hope that you are all well and that you are able to keep safe.

With best wishes

Brid McDaid

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