



St Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Miss S Robinson

20.4.20

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Summer Term Provision

Welcome to a very odd start to Summer Term. I really do hope that you all had a peaceful Easter and that you and your families are well. I am writing mainly to keep in touch and to let you all know how much we are missing having your children in school! I know that the question on everyone's lips will be 'when is school reopening?' At present, schools have not been given any more information than the general public on this matter. We, like you, are waiting for the government's decision.

I do want to reassure you that, now we are back from the Easter break, work will again be set for your child on Microsoft Teams. Please see extensive guidance on the school website for accessing this work on: <https://www.stmarymagdaleneprimary.co.uk/letters-home/>. Teachers will set work daily (Mon-Fri) by 9am. They are providing work which matches the normal school timetable wherever possible to try and ensure that pupils continue to make progress through the curriculum. To ensure that your child receives continued education, please support them to complete all the tasks set by the class teacher each day.

Where can I access help with this?

School staff are doing their utmost to ensure that children are receiving as much support as possible, for example by:

- Providing daily work help sheets and videos
- Responding to queries from pupils and parents four times daily via Teams/Dojo (9-9.30am, 11-11.30am, 1-1.30pm and 3-3.30pm). Pupils are also able to share their work via Teams for feedback during these times.
- Posting answers for pupils/parents to use to assess on a daily basis
- Setting pre & post assessments wherever possible across subjects
- Creating online quizzes via Purple MASH and gathering data about how well pupils have performed
- Signposting additional resources via Teams, Facebook and Twitter

As I am sure you will appreciate, it is an evolving situation and staff are working hard to find evermore creative ways to teach via our online platform. I have researched what other schools are doing in order to improve our service to parents and pupils, however it seems that we are already offering significantly more than others who are setting weekly tasks without the facility to 'chat' to staff.

The senior leadership team are currently risk assessing the curriculum to establish which parts are harder to fulfil from home and will need to be focussed on once we are back in school. I know that this will be a worrying time for families but please rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to provide the very best education that we can. I know that you're all doing the same.

Take care and stay safe.

Best Wishes
Miss Robinson