

St. Bede's News



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Hello again from St Bede's, I hope that you are all keeping well and able to keep your spirits up. This is certainly a testing time but also it is lovely to see the kind acts that are happening around the region and nation.

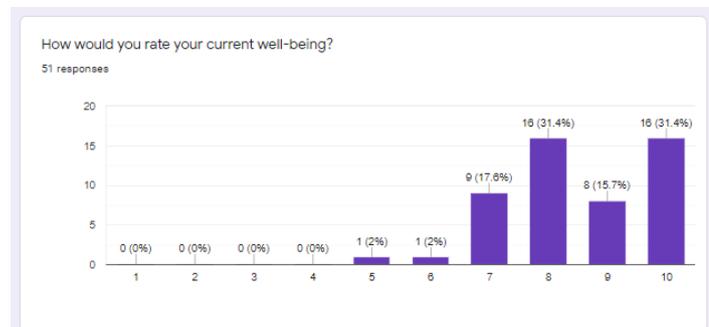
Keep those lovely acts happening and stay safe, Therese Worrall

Thank you so much for completing the survey about how you and the children are all feeling. It is heartening that you appear to be keeping spirits up. The challenges that we are having appear to be shared across our community so please take comfort that you are not alone. Your comments of gratitude were lovely to hear and the staff have told me that this has helped them so, thank you. Below is a summary of the responses. There are some things that we will try to address for you. The idea of live streaming of lessons is an area that we need to be careful of for safeguarding of both the children and staff but we are going to try and record sessions and have them on School360. We will keep you updated.

As I said at the beginning of the closure please do not feel pressured to complete all of tasks offered as work. They are there to help where needed not to cause additional stress.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you feel you would like some help or even just a chat.

Parental questionnaire 1 (11.4.2020)



Is there anything that you are finding particularly challenging?

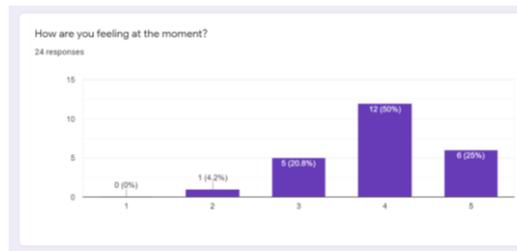
- Limited movement outside of the house
- Difficult juggling working and parenting
- Trying to organise homework for different children with various work
- Shopping!
- Balancing work and home life with additional work
- Supporting children as well as trying to work from home.
- Not seeing family and friends as much as we would like to
- No just taking every day as it comes
- Keeping routine, getting children to do schoolwork
- The worry of one of us becoming ill
- The children been apart from their friends
- Juggling our long shifts without family support as we had been used to.
- Increased short notice shift work

- Being a key worker and having to go to work and the thought of getting the virus and not being able to care for my children
- Uncertainty. Not knowing how long this will last. Impact on more vulnerable family members.
- Trying to keep the kids upbeat and motivated

Is there anything that you think we as a school could do to help?

- Online mini videos for different subjects, my child misses seeing his teachers
- Daily work or at least once in two days
- No. Just don't rush to open until everything is 100% safe
- Stop the homework
- I have heard of schools doing lessons via zoom with the class teacher, could this be a possibility?

Children's questionnaire 1 (11.4.2020)



Is there anything that you are finding challenging?

- mixed fractions
- not being able to go anywhere with anyone
- Maths, English nearly everything!
- Just being stuck at home every day
- The extra work that I was getting before
- I'm missing my friends and going to school
- Missing family and school

Is there anything that you think school could help you with?

- Maybe an online class
- Don't really know
- No even though it is kind of tough working at home
- Art examples and art sheets.
- Opening them up.
- More Maths and RE
- Science

Devices for learning

This week we have been able to loan out some school Chromebooks, this has meant that more children are able to carry out the tasks set by their teachers. If the availability of devices in your home is preventing your child from getting onto School360 please get in touch so we can try and help in some way.

Thank you

We have been heartened by the amount of fabric handed in to help with sewing of laundry bags. So far this week we have been able to hand out over 40 bags to key workers who need to keep their work clothes separate to other clothes.

We are going to continue to sew bags so if you know of anyone who could use the bags please get in touch.

Next Year's Reception Class

We were delighted to receive the list of children who will be joining our Reception Class next year. If you believe that you should have had a letter for Reception and are still waiting please contact us.

We will be in touch with any transition information as soon as we have plans. We know that you will understand that usual planning of such things is on hold at the moment.

Nursery 2020-2021

As with the Reception Class for next year we are also organising the new Nursery Class. Again we are unsure how plans will play out but we will share any plans as soon as we can. An email has been sent to all parents on our list for Nursery next year. If you have not received an email and your child turns 3 years old between 1st Sep 2019 and 31 Aug 2020 please get in touch. There is also a Google Form to be completed for your preference of sessions in Nursery <https://forms.gle/hHgfS5kqUNBmU1ZV8>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries via admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk