



4th May 2020

Thank you for your continued support of school

We are receiving comments and updates from you in various ways and the staff are very appreciative of this. The staff are doing everything that they can to support you all at home and those families who have to use the childcare facilities in school.

We have noticed a change in feelings in the last week or so and this is reflected in what you have told us in the recent questionnaire sent out. I have attached an additional sheet with a brief report on the questionnaires that we have been carrying out.

These questionnaires are very valuable in giving school an insight into the community's feelings and thoughts. We are responding to comments and suggestions where possible and will adapt what we are doing if possible.



I would like to send out St Bede's love to those of you who have been affected by illness and bereavement over recent weeks. We keep all of the community in our prayers in the hope that comfort may come your way soon. It may seem a challenge at the moment to understand why we are in this situation but please do not lose faith. Please use this simple prayer for yourselves and with the children.

Lord,

You taught us to love our neighbour and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick and to assure the isolated of ours and your love.

Amen

We appreciate that tensions may be building in homes at the moment and that the pressure to do the right thing for your family is heightened. Some children are coping with the situation better than others. Please do not add to pressure by feeling that your child(ren) have to complete all tasks provided by teachers to a standard that would happen in school. When teachers are checking in with you the aim is to support and check on yours and the children's wellbeing. Any possible academic learning that falls by the wayside will be picked up later – all of the country are in the same position.

Staying safe at home is still the priority until we know that easing things is ok. I myself had a scare last week when we had illness at home. The worry that then ensued as to have I passed it to the children, staff and parents at school was not great. Thankfully the tests that my family had all came back negative but it was a big reminder to me that home is still the safest place.

Please stay safe, Therese Worrall

While we await information on any possible return to 'normal' school life we have been thinking of various scenarios. Our highest priority for the children is aiming that they feel secure. Part of this is who they are with in school and therefore we have made the decision that next academic year most of the children will continue with the teacher that they have had this year.

So from Sep 2020 the class teachers will be:

Nursery – Miss Grigg
Reception – Miss Clark & Mrs McCarron
Year 1 – Mrs Hart & Mrs White
Year 2 – Miss Rowley
Year 3 – Mrs Young
Year 4 – Mrs Behic
Year 5 – Miss Collins
Year 6 – Miss Inglis

We wanted to share this information with you so that you are able to talk with your child with the aim to reassure them.

Your comments on the questionnaire recently have mirrored our thoughts around returning to school and the issues that need to be considered. Thank you for sharing your views and please do continue to.

Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

This week the staff are producing some new learning packs that will be available for collection from school or we can deliver to you. We are aware that there has been a great deal of online learning and we now wish to supplement this with concrete resources.

Miss Clark, who is our lead teacher on curriculum will be in touch either directly or via the class teachers to arrange this.

With the hope in helping those of you who have commented about the monotony of meal times in lockdown. I share in this frustration, we have the same question every day in the Worrall house 'What are we having for tea?' Can I suggest as a way of pulling us together we use the school social media pages as a medium to share **easy** cookery ideas? Usually I prefer school social media to be school simply sharing ideas but I throw off my control cloak and encourage you to share as a community. Simply tag @StBede'sRcva on Facebook or @stbedesrcbed on Twitter with photos, recipes and reviews.