



St Michael's Junior Church School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome to a very strange Summer term! We remain closed to the majority of children but have been able to support both vulnerable and key worker families over the entire Easter break. This has included supervision, organising FSM vouchers, calling families, providing lunches and food parcels. We even managed to help the Easter Bunny deliver! A HUGE thank you again to the team who gave up their own time and risked their own exposure to the virus.



As we start this term, please be assured that your child's class teacher is available to them every week day morning to support them with learning tasks set on Microsoft teams. This, we believe, is the best way to continue the routines of learning and also provide much needed consistency for the children. The teachers are planning activities to help the children consolidate their prior learning which will help them find the return to school much easier. We do not expect you to teach them but try to provide the time and space for them to complete what is set and we are here to support. We are looking into solutions if you do not have a device or WiFi access as we appreciate this may be difficult. You will receive a text in the next few days which will ask you to reply IF you have any ongoing concerns accessing teams.

Texts are the best way for us to reach all of you and collate the responses easily. We want to know if we can help improve remote learning for you as families. Therefore we are asking whether you have sufficient internet access and a suitable device to at least view the teams tasks on. If not, we will be thinking about solutions but need to have an idea of numbers. The answers will be for all sorts of reasons - you may have a number of children in your household who all need access and you only have one suitable device or you maybe can't afford the increase in data costs because you now are also working from home. You might not have access to WiFi or an internet connection at all. Whatever the reasons, please reply to the text which will be sent to let us know what you need help with e.g.

- data
- WiFi
- device

If you can view the tasks, even just on your mobile phone, some can be completed in an exercise book which can be collected from the school site. We have provided some printed packs for collection but these are not individualised to our classes, they have been downloaded and printed for you from websites. They are very much activity based and aimed



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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

at a broad year group range of ability so your child may find these too hard or difficult. The tasks are not planned by us and teachers are unable to provide support with these as they can on teams.

Teams also provides much needed connections between pupils themselves as well as with their trusted adults. Maybe they are missing socialising and they would benefit from accessing the system to keep in touch. We will also post family and collective worship activities that you can complete together at home on a weekly basis. It has been great to see so many of you engaging with it before Easter.



Microsoft Teams is accessible through any web browser and through the Microsoft Teams app that is available in the Apple, Microsoft and Google Play App Stores.

Through Microsoft Teams, your child will be able to access resources provided by their school and listen/talk to their Teachers in a safe environment

Your child can log into Microsoft Teams at <http://learning.bwmat.org> using details which will be sent to you.

Please get in touch if you require any specific support during this time and we will try to help but please also remember, staff are also trying to work from home wherever possible to slow the spread. Therefore, the phone is not always staffed. Emails, teams message or text are the best ways to contact us currently.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mrs C Greene
Headteacher

