

Fordham All Saints C. of E. Primary School

Address: Mill Road Fordham Colchester CO6 3NN

Head teacher: Mrs. Jakki Sibley

Telephone: 01206 240251

Fax: 01206 240501

E-mail: admin@allsaints-fordham.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.allsaints-fordham.essex.sch.uk



PRIDE IN OUR LEARNING

Perseverance, Respect, Inspiration, Determination, Enjoyment

19th April 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Summer Term! I hope that you are all well and have all managed to have a break from work, a restful break, or at the very least some precious time in the sunshine.

I have today uploaded all of the new planning for the classes onto the school website, ready for you and your children to access home learning for the next 2 weeks.

To access this you will need to go to the 'Pupil' area of the website and click on 'classes' from the drop down menu. You will find everything that you need here on this page. The links to the plans written by teachers are accessible by clicking on the text 'Class X planning' and the further activities matrices are accessible by clicking on the lightbulb above the teacher's pictures. On this page you will also find direct email links to all of the teaching staff, and we are, of course, accessible via class dojo.

The government have set out a number of guidelines over the recent days- I have posted a number of links below for your perusal. I hope that they are useful and answer some questions that you may be forming in your heads regarding the coming weeks. Please also know that although the media write stories in the papers about returning to school, we have had no word on this. The only guideline we have had from the government remains to be that schools will not open until the scientific evidence suggests it is safe to do so. I will, of course, keep you all informed if I hear any more on this.

Supporting children with home learning

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Helping children with SEND

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Safeguarding

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Proposed support for disadvantaged pupils

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-major-package-to-support-online-learning>

In these strange and historical times of home schooling, I feel that the home learning approach that we have taken is a good, solid one. Class dojo portfolios have been really successful and there's been a real community spirit among the dojo posts we have sent. As you can appreciate, we set everything up in a very short space of time and wanted to make it as sustainable as possible for everyone. Some of our teachers are happy to be in front of a camera reading stories and teaching lessons, whilst some are not. It isn't my intention to put teachers in front of the camera to 'teach' lessons. I

PRIDE IN OUR LEARNING



Peppa Perseverance



Rusty Respect



Isaac Inspiration



Dita Determination



Eddie Enjoyment



want all of my staff to lead their virtual classes as they are personally comfortable with. Please continue to understand that all of our staff are working incredibly hard, in their own personal situations and circumstances, to ensure the children get what they need. School has been open for keyworker children from the day our doors 'closed'. Like many keyworkers across the country, annual leave and Easter holidays were cancelled for them, and they have been incredible at supporting the community to keep everything going for those families that have needed our childcare facility. I thank them all for their support and consistent care.

Importantly, if you are struggling, having days where you need help or support, or not finding it easy to access the work we are setting for you children, please- reach out to us. We are absolutely committed, as always, to making sure that we do the very best for our families during this period. We are here to help, listen, guide and support. We don't expect everything to be completed every day, we also don't expect families to feel pressured by our home learning approach. We want to support you in any way we can to continue the education process for your children, by providing plans and activities of what they would have been completing if they were still in school. This seems like the most cohesive approach during this time. As we continue this lockdown period for the next 3 weeks at least, we hope that we are helping to make sure that you have all that you need. Please rest assured that if you feel out of your comfort zones, whatever the children haven't completed, whatever they have missed or muddled, this can always be addressed when we are back in school. I would much rather welcome back 134 happy, settled, loved and reassured children, than 134 worried, anxious, struggling and unhappy ones. We will get through this together and we need perspective on what is important for our children right now- ultimately you are the best judges for that.

I hope you all stay safe, well and can continue to see the opportunity in this remarkable moment in time,

Wishing you all well,

Mrs Sibley
Head Teacher

PRIDE IN OUR LEARNING



Peppa Perseverance



Rusty Respect



Isaac Inspiration



Dita Determination



Eddie Enjoyment

