

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, thank you for your support and understanding in the sudden change of plans in the opening of schools. I can only apologise that you did not receive my letter and the KWVC forms sooner. Last night, leaders and admin staff worked very quickly to confirm as many details as possible, which were ready in good time, but unfortunately with the sheer volume of schools communicating to parents at the same time, the platform was overwhelmed and crashed. We can only apologise if this caused you any distress and concern.

**Remote learning**

The children have settled into their new bubbles really well and their behaviour has been exceptional. We are really pleased to be up and running on google classroom, and I hope you and the children are managing to navigate your way through the platform. We did expect a couple of teething problems, but we have been really pleased with the response so far.

For this week, please can you ask children to work from the work pages set on google classroom and record in their workbooks.

From next week, work will either be set on a google doc, which can then be submitted and returned to the teacher, or using a PDF document, and we are again asking children to record the learning in their workbook.

We are not in a position to be able to create any paper packs this lockdown. This is due to the manpower and resources involved, and our priority to offer quality resources on google classroom.

### **KWVC on site learning**

As we are now in 'Year Group' bubbles, Reception and Year 1 pupils coming into school will now use the 'Walkway Gate' leading to the school office at the front of school. The timings remain the same, Reception 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Year 1 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Year 4 have now relocated to the main school building so they will now use the 'Back Gate' at the same timings of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Year 3 can line up towards Toddington Child Care and Year 4 towards to the Village Hall to ensure social distancing is observed.

We are currently finalising the lunch offer, so if children attending school can bring a packed lunch with them this week, and we will write again about next week's lunches as we are keen to offer universal free school meals to Years R, 1 and 2 if we can. If your child is eligible for benefit based free school meals a packed lunch will be provided by school this week.

We have queries from Year 3 and 4 parents who have already paid for school lunches for this half term, and their children will not be in school. In order to get a credit for this please contact Chartwells our caterers on 01908 615705 who will be able to assist you with this.

Please can you provide an additional healthy snack for the afternoon break for your child, and also ensure they are well prepared for the very chilly weather. We know that the virus is less transmissible outside, and so we will continue to get outside for breaks as much as possible, therefore please remind your children to come to school in their hats and gloves - I did see some very special ones this morning!

Yours sincerely,

Colette Lamb