

At St George's we are proud to be one family of lifelong learners who know that they are special to God. Our family is built upon a strong sense of belonging and mutual respect. Our community gives our children the freedom to flourish and succeed.

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A flourishing fellowship; learning today with God by our side

WEEKLY NEWS

It has been an unusual week to say the least, with us all having to adjust to life, as it will be for the unforeseeable future. We congratulate and thank our NHS staff and critical workers for their dedication and commitment to the roles that they are undertaking to get us through this difficult time. We also give thanks to those who work behind the scenes supporting key workers and their families, enabling them to continue in their important roles.

At St George's, the staff worked on a rota system to provide 'childcare provision' for a small number of children of critical workers. We are making the most of our time learning new ways to communicate at a distance using a range of technology including Whatsapp groups, Facebook, Zoom and of course email and text messaging. Whatever would we do without technology?

The children here have also been making the most of their time and getting out in the wonderful sunshine. They have been keeping up their maths and literacy skills daily, learning the importance of maintaining gardens and green areas and enhancing their creative skills. They are looking forward to exploring and settling into their new location, at our new hub in Parish Primary School, on Monday. We are grateful to our Parish colleagues for accommodating us on their historic site too.

The teaching staff, are doing all that they can to adapt plans and provide activities which are both meaningful and can also be undertaken at home. Please see this week's timetable, that we are using at Parish, should you wish to follow it. Every effort is being made to ensure that the tasks and activities supplied, will support the children as effectively as possible in learning at a distance. However, it is important to acknowledge the challenge that this also presents to you as parents. If you are finding this adjustment challenging, particularly if you are trying to juggle supporting your children with working from home, please do not be too hard on yourselves or your children. This is a significant change for us all. Try to avoid putting too much pressure on yourselves or your children – our relationships need to carry us through this, however long it lasts and no amount of home learning is more important than those relationships. Crucially, please understand that we are not expecting you to home school your children; we are aiming to provide activities that will enable the children to continue to practice and develop key skills, whilst trying to maintain an element of structured learning in their daily lives Monday to Friday. If you can provide a suitable time and space for them to do this, then you are doing an excellent job. And remember, even if we are not seeing you every day, we are still here – if you are finding specific aspects of individual activities difficult to support, please do get in touch. Our ICT department are creating individual class email addresses so that the teachers can monitor all communications and support in any way they can. As soon as they are ready we will inform you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact us on admin@st-georgesbickley.bromley.sch.uk Stay safe and healthy from all our St George's staff

Curriculum links

Literacy: Bug Club for reading

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>

Pobble 365

<https://www.pobble365.com>

Twinkl for spelling punctuation and grammar resources

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>

Maths: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Science: Explorify

<https://explorify.welcome.ac.uk>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Suggested ELSA books on Kindle:

The Hare and the Moon by Sophie Shaw

Trip Trap trouble by Katie Pye

Exercise:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

<https://ownyourgoalsdavina.com>

Remember to use Easyfundraising to raise money for the school with your online shopping. Go to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Music:

Gareth Malones online choir (details in a previous email) Is a great way to keep singing and be part of an community (albeit online!)

BYMT are encouraging everyone who learns an instrument to keep playing and would love people to encourage each other and share via their twitter feed #bymtkeepmakingmusuc @OfficialBYMT

The BBC ten pieces website has some lovely pieces of music to learn about (some of which the children have learnt about in school)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/all-resources>

Remember to use our home-learning section of our website to access your child's curriculum map and suggested home learning tasks

<https://stgeorgescebromley.school>

Please like the church's [facebook page](#)

@stgeorgebickley where services will be broadcast daily and over the Easter period by Father Richard.