

Dear Parents and Carers of St Paul's

Firstly, I wish to thank you for supporting the school during our current enforced closure and for understanding that we are only open to pupils where it is essential. We are navigating our way through times we have never experienced before, but I am so proud of how we are all pulling together as the school community we are! Together we are strong!

It has been great to see so many people engaging with our **Facebook** account, where you will receive regular updates, daily challenges and also links for learning and activities you can be doing together at home. You can also find other things on our school's new Twitter page **@SpaldingStPauls**.

Our Teachers are also posting learning activities and links on our school website for the children to access, so that they do not lose all of the learning they had achieved so far this year! Reading EVERY Day is a fantastic activity and there are lots of website that provide free e-books for you to access. Also, maybe use this time to "nail" those times tables, handwriting/letter formation as well as lots of creative activities such as baking, drawing, painting, P.E online with Joe Wicks etc.

We are also learning new skills too- Mrs Norman is blazing the way with setting up a Learning "Padlet" where she has collated resources for our Y6 pupils and has text the link out to Y6 parents this week. When she has passed on her new skills to the other teachers, we hope to roll this out too! Gold Star for Y6!!

Here are a couple more links you might find useful too! http://www.timestables.me.uk/printable-pdf-quiz-generator.htm

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPrhI0v-w

https://encounteredu.com/cpd/subject-updates/using-live-lessons-during-school-closures

For those children who ARE in school, we are practising social distancing between staff and children, which is easier due to the low numbers attending. This is helping to keep staff and pupils as safe as possible. Lots of activities are currently outdoors due to the lovely weather and they are making good use of our outdoor learning areas too. Staffing levels are as low as possible, without compromising safety. We are practising regular handwashing and hand-sanitising too. If any child displays ANY symptoms, they will be isolated immediately and we will call parents to collect, leaving the building via a different door than the ones in main use. Thank you to all of the staff who are able to go into school to support this group of pupils – We would all be there doing our bit if we could! You are truly AMAZING and doing something truly fantastic! Thank you!!

IF your child is booked in to attend on particular days and your situation changes- please email me on Kira.Nicholls@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk to let me know so that I can alter the staffing plan. Remember to only send your child if you are a KEY WORKER and need to go to work or they are classed as VULNERABLE and their attendance is important. If they can be safely cared for at home, they should remain at home with you!

We will continue to hand out food vouchers for those families who are currently entitled to Free School Meals on Mondays, as well as the Breakfast Grab and Go packs for those who have been told they qualify for this, while we have the food stocks in school. As you can appreciate, we cannot bulk order OR get deliveries at this time. When you come to school to collect these essential items, please observe social distancing rules and **stay 2 metres apart and take your turn if there is a queue.** Please do not stand about chatting before or after and return home as soon as possible.

IF you are concerned about the welfare/safety of any child, please contact either myself (email address above), or Miss Palmer on Donna.Palmer@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk.

On a positive note, I have received some great photos of the activities you have been doing at home via our Facebook page. There maybe some glitches- some only able to add one photo at a time or only able



to send them through Messenger, to me as the Administrator. If you send them through, I can hopefully add these to the posts for you?? Let's work it out together!

As always, I am thinking of you all and wishing you all well. I am looking at this period of time as though we have pressed "Pause" and hopefully can come together again to press "Play" as soon as possible. Being away from my staff and the children is a very sad time for me and I miss you all!

Stay positive, stay safe and keep in touch if you can!

Miss Nicholls x

