

St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter to Parents

January 15th 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I cannot thank you enough for the fantastic support that you have given to the children since we entered the National Lockdown. I am very thankful to the staff as well for their response to deliver online learning.

We enter our second week of remote learning, and hopefully you are settling in to some kind of routine at home and getting used to all the new systems. I have been thrilled by the amount of engagement and the hard work of pupils and support from parents and carers at home. It has been lovely to see the children in the live chats. I would also like to say an enormous thank you to all the staff for engaging with remote learning so enthusiastically. They have been on a very steep learning curve and are learning more and more about how to ensure the children engage and take the pressure off you. Please bear with us as the remote learning offer evolves in the coming weeks.

We feel that a mix of live, recorded and video sessions provides a good balance, as we are aware that Families cannot always attend the live sessions. We are still coming across glitches and making mistakes, but they will diminish as time goes on.

We are also aware that there are occasional technical hitches at home: please let us know about these in order that we can investigate and hopefully offer support or a solution.

Every family and every child is different. Some families can commit a lot of time to their child's learning, while others are balancing working from home and children with varying needs. Try not to compare yourself with other families. If we notice that some families are not accessing the learning, teachers will call home to give support and offer any advice.

These calls will be supportive to offer help, nothing else. It may be an idea for families to focus on Maths, English and Phonics where possible. This may not be possible for all families and we do understand this. It's also good to remember that you are not expected to deliver a full curriculum to your child. All children will learn at different levels during lockdown. The most important thing is keeping your family happy and healthy.

Take care of yourselves; keep safe, and thank you for all of your support. We are here if you need any support at all –please don't hesitate to contact us.

We will be ordering Vouchers from week to parents of children eligible for Free School Meals (Not the Universal offer) Please make sure that we have your correct email to minimise delays.

Mr J McDonald
Headteacher