

Monday 4th May 2020

Dear parents/carers of children at St Clement & St James and St Thomas',

We hope you all had a good week although we know it's tough being stuck at home for such a long time. Here are a few items we thought you may be interested in:

Well-being and coping at home

Our first priority is our children's health and well-being so please contact us if there is anything we can do to help you. We don't want anyone to feel stressed out about home-learning on the website - it's there to support families but we don't expect you to be running a long school day. We all become very quickly tired working intensively on computers. 30 minute sessions with breaks in between are long enough and a couple of hours of positive interaction with your children is more than enough if you have the time.

In addition, some families have reported being worried about going outside. Please do get out once a day for a walk as this is vital for physical health and emotional well-being and does not require you to go too close to other people.

In every walk with nature one receives far more than he (or she) seeks" John Muir

Web-site learning

Thank you for the wonderful learning you have been sending in. Please keep it coming and we will post it on our web pages and on Instagram. Please also continue to check the website for new learning and messages from teachers. Teachers are busy organising interesting and engaging activities for the children in their class and will continue updating their web pages.

You will also be pleased to hear that both schools have signed up for Google Schools which means we will be able to set up online classrooms that are much more interactive than is currently possible. We will be sending you logins to the new virtual classrooms very soon. Please keep an eye out for a text from us with more details.

Safeguarding - police liaison

This week, the school have been signed up to Operation Encompass, a new scheme that is designed to improve communication between the Metropolitan Police and schools in London. In brief, it ensures that the lead safeguarding teachers in schools are automatically informed immediately if there have been incidents of Domestic Violence in homes so that the school can put in place any suitable support for the children. We welcome any improvements to a system that ensures children get the support they need promptly.

Please make sure you keep well and staff will be in touch again with a phone call very soon.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or queries please email us: Mrs Dowthwaite at St Clement - Ellie.dowthwaite@stfed.rbkc.sch.uk
Miss Bouette at St Thomas' - sarah.bouette@stfed.rbkc.sch.uk
Or call the school offices in the morning from 9-12am

With all good wishes

All the staff at St Clement & St James Primary School and St Thomas'

St Clement contact: info@scsj.rbkc.sch.uk St Thomas' contact: info@st.rbkc.sch.uk

Online learning: www.scsj.rbkc.sch.uk/classes/ or https://www.st.rbkc.sch.uk/class-pages/

