



St Clement & St James CE Primary School

Friday 27th March 2020

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

We hope you are all as well and are coping as best you can during this very difficult time. We thought it would be helpful to give you an update on the schools' activities

Meal vouchers

We have ordered food vouchers from the CO-OP for families entitled to Free School Meals. The vouchers are taking a while to come through. We are very sorry for the delay but unfortunately it's beyond our control. The minute the vouchers arrive we will notify you by text and arrange a suitable delivery method. If your child is in Reception or KS1 we will not always know if you are entitled to a free school meal so please email us if you are in need of a voucher at info@scsj.rbkc.sch.uk for SCSJ and info@st.rbkc.sch.uk for St Thomas'.

Childcare

Thank you to all families who have made arrangements to keep children at home. This is helping to reduce the chances of the coronavirus (COVID-19) being spread and it also helps to keep families and staff safe. In order to support our NHS, childcare at school should only be used as a last resort by families of key workers or vulnerable children when there are absolutely no alternatives at home. If you believe you may need childcare, please contact the school and we will decide whether we can accommodate you.

From Monday 30th March we are caring for children from both schools only at St Thomas', Appleford Road. The reason for this consolidation is that we are only caring for a small number of children and we need to keep staffing to a minimum. We are sure you appreciate that our staff are under increasing strain and there are less and less who are able to work in school.

Holiday Childcare

Both schools will be completely closed for the Easter holiday from Monday 6th April and will be open again to identified families on Monday 20th April at St Thomas'.

Bevington School is going to remain open during the Easter holiday so please contact us by phone or email if you are a key worker and will need childcare during the holiday.

We will then contact Bevington School to let them know they should admit your child.

Learning at home

Please keep an eye on your class web page. Teachers will continue to update their pages as often as possible. You could also have a look at Newsround on CBBC at 9:15am each day. The news stories are very accessible for children and will give them a good understanding of what's going on without frightening them.

Please stay at home

Please follow government advice and avoid contact with other people who do not live in your home. No one should be going outside unless it is for essentials. We are hearing that some children are playing in the parks and streets and urge parents not to allow children out by themselves.

We're sure you'd like to join us in thanking our wonderful staff and all the key workers who have put themselves on the line to keep the NHS running. Stay safe and we'll very much look forward to seeing you once it's safe to return to school.

With all good wishes

The senior leader team at SCSJ and ST