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Dear parents,

I am writing to update you on the current situation at St George's School in the light of recent government directives.

We continue to provide cover for the children of **key workers** and we now have five classes operating each day for them. Our **Reception** children have finished their second week back in their five class 'bubbles.' It has been wonderful to welcome our **year 6** pupils back this week into their six bubbles, and they have adjusted extremely well to the new and somewhat strange environment. I would like to thank parents for adapting so well to our new drop off and collection system, helping to keep everybody safe. Coronavirus remains a potent threat in our world, and we must always be vigilant, including in the school environment.

All of our available teachers are now all in school teaching, so we are operating at capacity. We are trying to determine a creative way of admitting our **year 1** pupils but this is proving problematic.

I have today attended a virtual meeting with headteachers in Enfield. The focus was to establish how our schools will operate in **September**, and we hope to be providing timely information to parents once further guidance is available from the Department of Education. It is clear that all schools have specific situations, circumstances and associated challenges, and one setting cannot be compared to another in terms of the provision that they are able to offer. I would like to assure parents that at St George's, we will continue to provide the best education that we can with the resources available. We will always listen to suggestions about how we can improve and adapt.

Please continue to keep the children and all the adults who work with them in your prayers.

DB Primary

Today is the first of our Friday Forums when the class blogs are up and running for class teachers and pupils to communicate with each other. Teachers are available from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Next week,



many of our teachers will be reading stories to the children. We will inform parents when these are available. Also look out for a special assembly next Friday.

School Reports

End of year school reports will be distributed to parents in a different way this year. To comply with government guidelines and keeping everyone safe, we will be distributing the document electronically on specific dates, and these will be communicated to you soon. Please ensure that school has your most recent email address. If you do not receive the report, you need to email reports@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk

Sports Week

We are delighted to be holding a special 'virtual' Sports Week to replace our sports day this year. It will take place week beginning Monday 6 July and Miss O'Toole, who has been busily planning the activities, will be distributing instructions as to how all children can participate, whether they are currently at home or in school. Each child will be able to participate in individual events and earn points towards their house total.

Home Learning

The Department for Education have released an update regarding online education resources for home learning. This includes additional resources and new tips to help parents and carers with home education. The list of resources can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

Keeping children safe online

The Home Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport have updated advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to include new information on apps to help children stay safe online.

The advice and guidance on keeping children safe online can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>

Summer Food Fund

Children who are in receipt of free school meals (NOT universal free school meals for key stage one pupils) are eligible for vouchers to the value of £90 to cover the period of the summer holidays this year. Mrs Jones-Owen, our school business manager, will apply for the vouchers and will contact parents when further information is available.

Prayer

Today's prayer is from Lichfield Cathedral:

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.

Some people are worried that they might get ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.

Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,

and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. Amen.



I wish everyone in our school community a healthy and restful weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

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