



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 3rd April 2020

As we complete our second week of a new way of living I hope that you are all well and staying safe. Please find attached a document entitled 'Wellbeing Letter' from Telford and Wrekin SEND department which is written to support Parents/Carers during this difficult time. In the letter you will find information, tips and links that will help you, your family and friends to look after their mental health. We are all under immense pressure at this time, and in the weeks and months that are to follow, but we have to remain strong for our families and know that we are more resilient and resourceful than we think!

You will have heard from Miss Osterfield earlier in the week that the children from St. Lawrence-who require a school place due to parents being keyworkers are now being cared for at Tibberton CE Primary School along with the pupils there. This new arrangement has worked very well this week and staff from St. Lawrence have been deployed to support the pupils from both settings, working collaboratively with the team of staff at Tibberton.

There has been a lot of interest on social media and in the news about home schooling and time-tabling for children, and as a parent, I am feeling the same pressure to ensure my children are having enough time to dedicate to school work. What I would say is do what is right for you and your family, the main aim at present is to keep our children physically and mentally healthy and make sure they feel safe and secure. We have seen from the evidence on SeeSaw that you have risen to the challenge of leading your children through this difficult time both educationally and emotionally and you are all doing the most magnificent job!

I would very much like to continue to write the weekly Newsletter as I want to remain connected to the St. Lawrence community as I am missing you all dearly and look forward to the time when we can all return to normal. As you are all doing some wonderful things at home I thought it would be nice if we could include some photographs on each week's Newsletter of the activities you have been doing at home. This will give others some new ideas about what they could try at home and help us all to feel connected. If you are happy to share something you have done or a great website you have accessed please could you email the photograph with a brief explanation to a3091@telford.gov.uk by Wednesday each week. Can I ask that we only have one photograph per pupil so it remains fair for all and that way I can share as many as possible. I will start this after the Easter holidays and the first Wednesday will be 22nd April 2020.

Sending Happy Easter Wishes

