



Dear Parents,

I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2021!

The new year has certainly presented new challenges to all of us given the governments' decision to close schools for the following 6 weeks.

St Catherine's Nursery and Primary School will be closed until the DFE reviews the situation.

As you know from our communication yesterday we are providing onsite learning for children from Nursery to Year 6 who have Education Health Care Plans and for those with agency involvement. We are also providing onsite learning for children of critical workers who have no other form of childcare and therefore need a place in school. We have already contacted parents whose children have been offered a place.

We will be providing onsite places on a week by week basis as we respond to staffing numbers and changes in family circumstances. Please do not be offended if we are unable to offer your child a place during the next 6 weeks.

Tomorrow the class teachers will be sending you an email outlining the home learning they will be providing children for the next 6 weeks. We will have a standard provision where children will receive 2 videos a day along with PurpleMash tasks to complete. Provision for children in Reception and Nursery will be on both Tapestry & Purplemash. KS1 and KS2 parents will also receive a suggested timetable for children to follow each day.

We are very much aware that every family situation is different. Whilst some children will be able to carry out activities from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday, some children will be carrying out their learning when their parents finish or return from work in the evenings. Some children may need to use the weekend to complete their learning tasks. We're happy whatever your child's learning schedule will be and will try to provide your child with feedback as far as possible.

The staff at St Catherine's are very keen to work with all the parents at St Catherine's so that all the children receive education each week in the format that works for each family.

We will continue to update you each week with additional aspects of our online provision.

We completely understand that this situation is not ideal and a return to long term home learning is extremely difficult from a logistical point of view for some parents. Please know we will approach the next 6 weeks together so the children receive every opportunity to progress and feel very much part of their class in our St Catherine's community.

Best wishes

Miss M Kelly