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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your hard work in supporting your child's learning this week.

As promised please see below an update on our home learning provision.

In our Purple Mash learning platform the teaching blogs contain a daily teaching video, as well as a teaching video from White Rose. In addition to this, next week children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be invited to a daily zoom where their class teacher or year group teacher will discuss the learning expected for the day and address misconceptions. The daily zooms will last between 20 to 30 minutes. ***Please see our parent guidelines on the school website to ensure your child is safe whilst on Zoom.*** <https://st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk/learning/home-learning-during-school-closure/>

By having daily teaching videos and daily zooms children who can carry out their learning during the school day can access teaching and learning and the children who carry out their learning after the school day and the weekend can also continue to access the teaching videos. It is important we cater for all our children who are in a variety of family situations.

Children in Nursery and Reception will continue to have daily teaching videos which will be posted on Tapestry, with 2 zooms in the week so that the children can see their friends. Additional activities linking in with all areas of learning will be posted throughout the week. Please share your learning via photograph or video on Tapestry.

Please ensure the children complete as many of the daily 2Dos and upload their work to Purple Mash one at a time. The teachers will provide feedback on the work completed from the 2 Do activities and will use this learning to inform their teacher assessments which will take place at the end of the term. Please do not send work via the class emails.

Mr Reilly is posting two PE teaching videos a week on the Purple Mash Teaching Blogs. One for KS1 and one for KS2. Please encourage the children to complete the tasks on the video at least twice a week. If the children can do it every day that would be wonderful for their health and wellbeing. Mr Reilly could become our very own Joe Wicks!

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Please see attached with this email a letter from Madame Reeve outlining the French lessons she is providing for children from Year 1 to year 2 on Purple Mash. She is very excited about our new French scheme which we know the children will love.

Thank you to every one who has sent emails of support and appreciation to the office and class emails addresses. They certainly kept our staff going. Many are in similar positions to you, having to carry out home learning for their own children while working and in some cases managing the effects of the virus on their family members.

Please get in contact with us via the school office email if you are in need of food bank vouchers or food parcels. The parents who have received the parcels in the last few days have been grateful for the parcels which contain the ingredients of 10 child lunches. Fortunately they are far more substantial than what has been reported in the news in other parts of the country.

As parents you are facing particularly challenging times. If at any point you begin to feel overwhelmed please do get in contact with us and a member of staff will call you to listen and offer help where we can. We can also help with sign posting you to any agencies which may be of support.

As a St Catherine's community it is more important than ever that we support each other as much as we can.

Have a lovely weekend and take care of each other

Best wishes

Miss Kelly

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