



ST KATHARINE'S CE  
SCHOOL

**Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty**

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Our Value This Term Is... *Forgiveness*



*Dear Parents,*

This is obviously not my ordinary fortnightly newsletter but I wanted to write to let you know that we are all still here, albeit a bit virtually.

School has remained open this week to the families of critical workers, who have no other safe alternative for their children. As such we are staffing this with a rota of all the available staff.

As you will know the teachers are also working in hard in the background to ensure that your weekly learning grids are with you on Monday morning by 9:00am. Our home learning offer is evolving as we speak, more resources are being made available to teachers and they will share these with you as and when it seems appropriate.

I am aware that as a parent, new to home learning and possibly managing the learning grids of multiple children, this is a challenge. Please be gentle with yourselves and do what is manageable. If you can, try and prioritise the daily maths, spelling, phonics and English tasks as well as daily reading, this will really help your child/ren consolidate their knowledge, maintain their basic skills and ensure that when they return they have at least not slipped backwards. Don't be afraid to timetable the day with plenty of breaks and time for children to explore their own interests. Never was there a better time for a Lego-lover to really become immersed in their craft!

Learning of course is happening all of the time and this is in many ways a unique opportunity to really broaden what we mean by learning for our children. As I know you know: it doesn't have to happen in a classroom.

We are hoping to guide you through this time with the support of our weekly grids, and provide support where we can through tools such as SeeSaw and Office 365 for our older learners.

I hope it is reassuring for you to know that I am, along with other members of the teaching team here at St Katharine's, trying to navigate home-schooling with my own children. I am definitely better at teaching your children than I am my own!

Please do not hesitate to contact us through the **admin @** email address and ensure that you make it clear who your email is 'for the attention of'. We will make sure that we get it to the right person.

Please look out for your learning grids for next week which will be sent out on Monday Morning. If you do not receive them and they haven't been redirected to your 'spam' please get in touch.

Please stay safe and follow all of the social distancing guidelines wherever possible. We are missing you all.

With kind regards

*Niki Jones*

Principal