



15th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you and your family remain safe and well.

We are coming to the end of our first full week of learning from home. Well done to all the parents, children and staff! I do realize that this is a very different way of working and that it is not without its challenges, however I would encourage you all to keep trying your best every day.

Submitting work

The teachers are setting work each day for the pupils following the remote learning timetables that you were sent last week and that are also available on your child's Google Classroom. Please ensure that your child is logging on each day to complete their work. We do understand that families maybe sharing devices so it's ok if your child submits their work late, the teacher will still mark it. However, I would ask that parents ensure that their children are not staying up later than they would normally (if they were in school), in order to complete and submit work. The teachers are working hard to provide lessons that are engaging and are presented in a manner that is easy to understand for all.

Pre-recorded lessons

Starting next week, teachers will begin pre-recording some explanations for English and Maths lessons so that the children have a clear explanation. Most teachers will record their own videos each week and will sometimes supplement videos and explanations from other sources, i.e. Oak National Academy and You Tube. However, if your child does not understand the work please send the class teacher a message so that she can help. The children should read the instructions and look at the messages in the stream before they attempt any of the work that their teacher has set. I would encourage parents to have a look at what their children are doing and ensure that you are happy with the standard/quality of their work before they submit it to the teacher. You will of course know your children best and know how much support they will need in order to complete the work provided. We are not currently providing live lessons but will review that shortly.

Accessing Google Classroom

We have loaned some school laptops for children who have no devices at home, however many of our devices are currently being used for the key worker and vulnerable children

who are in school. However, your child can access Google Classroom via Xbox or PlayStation 4 please see the attached for more information.

Advice and support for parents

The school has an advice and support section on our website that is regularly updated with information for parents during lock down <https://st-michaels.newham.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/advice-and-support/>

Free School Meals

The government announced on Wednesday, 13th January the funding available for schools to send supermarket vouchers through Edenred to pupils who meet the benefits-related free school meals eligibility criteria and are entitled to free school meals. We will be organizing this over the next week and will be in touch with the parents of children who are entitled. We used this service last year and it can be challenging to book your vouchers due to the volume of people who are accessing the same site so we would ask that parents are patient with us about getting the vouchers out. If you think that your child is entitled to free school meals please complete the form below: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals/2?documentId=502&categoryId=20004>

God Bless,



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