

26<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you are family remain safe and well.

We have completed another week of remote learning! This is a new and strange time for us; all we can ask of each other is to do the best we can each day.

### **Mark 1:14-20**

*<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

### ***Jesus Calls His First Disciples***

*<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.*

*<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.*

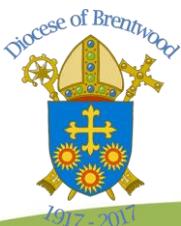
'Come, follow me'. The ways of following Jesus are as varied as people themselves are. But they always involve breaking free from what we were before. We are true disciples when we challenge ourselves with the question: 'How would Jesus act in the situation I'm in right now?'. During these difficult times we must remind ourselves that God is in control.

### **Microsoft Coding Workshops**

Last week, we sent out information about a great opportunity for children in years 1-6 to be involved in free live coding workshops sponsored by Microsoft and Royal Initiative Against Poverty and Starvations (RIAPS). This is an excellent educational opportunity for your child and it's free. Please see the attached flyer. Register your interest by emailing [contact@riaps.org](mailto:contact@riaps.org)

### **Live Lessons**

It was lovely to see so many children on Google Meet last week for the well-being lessons! **These well-being lessons will continue to be weekly each Tuesday live on Google Meet following the timetable below. In addition to these live lessons on Tuesday for well-being, we will also start English- Vocabulary lessons on Thursdays from Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. This will also follow**



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**the same timetable as below.** We hope to build up the number of live lessons that we are able to offer. As usual, the code to access the Google Meet sessions will be available in your child's Google Classroom. **Please do not call the office to enquire about the code because they will not have this information.** The timetable for these live lessons via Google Meet is below:

Time	Year Group
9:30	Nursery
10:00	Year 1
10:30	Year 2
11:00	Year 3
1:00	Year 4
1:30	Year 5
2:00	Year 6
2:30	Reception

### Covid Testing

As you know there are a number of community testing facilities that have recently opened up in Newham to allow residents to test if they are not symptomatic. As you know, it is possible to have Covid and transmit the virus without showing any symptoms. These community testing centers are now offering testing to children as follows:

- Children aged 16+ can attend community test sites unaccompanied as they are able to consent to medical treatment
- Children aged 12-15 can attend with a parent or guardian and can self-swab under the supervision of that parent or guardian
- Children aged 5-11 can attend with a parent or guardian but the parent or guardian must complete the test on the child
- Testing is not available to under 5's

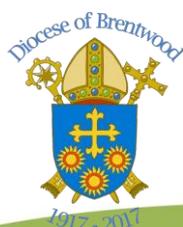
**As I am sure you know, we are not able to test children in school.**

### Remote Learning Timetable

The remote learning timetable has been updated please see attached updated timetable. We are mindful of the amount of time that children are spending in front of a computer and have added some non-screen time activities. In KS2 (years 3-6), we have also added First News in KS2 for children to get the opportunity to read about world events and some fantastic activities available on BBC Bitesize.

### 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



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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. The teachers are pre-recording many of the Maths and English lessons so that the children have a clear explanation. Most teachers are recording their own videos each week and are sometimes supplementing 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 he or 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.

### 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 you child can access Google Classroom via Xbox or PlayStation 4 please see the attached for more information.

### Free School Meals

The government announced on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January the funding available for schools to send supermarket vouchers through Ednenred 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 you 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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