



## St. Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all. Whether remote learning or learning in school, we are a school family and you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Firstly, thank you so much for your commitment to the home learning via Seesaw. The staff and children and 'parent-teachers' are working so hard and it is wonderful to see. I have been viewing a selection each day and I am very impressed. Well done to parents for supporting your children so well at home. We really appreciate your hard work.

### Our commitment to you

School are committed to putting learning on to Seesaw every day for the children. We will put on at least 4 tasks a day of which the children must do **at least 3**. We will also be doing weekly wellbeing calls to have a chat to the children and see how they are. Staff will respond to the children's work as soon as they can, but this may not be until after school or the next day. Y6 are trialling Teams to provide some live lessons for the children. All Y6 pupils should have received a pack and instructions to access Teams.

### Extra data available from phone companies

If your child receives free school meals and you have a mobile phone or don't have access to a fixed mobile connection then you may be entitled to extra free data to support your child's learning at home. Please contact the school if you think you may be eligible. Participating providers are EE, Sky mobile, Smarty, Tesco mobile, Three and Virgin mobile.

### Links for other learning

The children are able to access Timestables Rock Stars at home and we recommend they play daily to keep maths skills sharp. BBC bitesize lessons are highly recommended as well as Joe Wicks fitness routines 3 times a week if you can't get out for your daily exercise. It is also really important to read daily - we recommend at least 10-15 minutes each day.

### Reminder of Nursery hours

At present Nursery times will match Reception class for home times, so children can be collected between 2.40 -2.45pm, many thanks

### Reminder not to bring in things from home

Please do not allow your child to bring in toys or items from home unless the teacher has requested it. Nursery children are not allowed to bring toys to school. Thank you

### Free School meals

Until the voucher system is up and running again we are offering a weekly food bag to families whose children usually have a meal in school. The office staff will contact you for collection times from school.

### Reminder to social distance on the playground

Even though there are less adults collecting and dropping off at school it is **essential** to keep a 2m distance between parents on the playground for your safety and the safety of staff in school. Hartlepool rates remain very high. Many thanks for observing this.

Finally, continue to stay safe and follow all guidance, cherish the times with your children and enjoy them. Do not put too much pressure on yourselves, small and often is the key. Get out for your daily exercise - it's really important for mental health, wellbeing and boosting the immune system.

This won't last forever - so focus on the positives and try to find a positive in every day - whether it be, a hug, a smile, a bird in a tree or a drawing you did with your child. Have fun and please contact us if you need any help at all,

Kind regards and God bless,

Mrs J. Wilson and St Cuthberts Staff