

St. Paul's CE Primary School

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Dear Families

All of us at St Paul's and involved with our school, hope that you and your families are staying well in these most unusual and challenging of times. We are thinking of you all! We are currently approaching the end of our second week of reopening post the Easter holidays for key workers and vulnerable pupils. We do look forward to the day when we will reopen fully. At this time, we are unsure of what this will look like and we await further information from the government on this matter to ensure safety for all.

We will continue to provide different ways to support learning at home, but please do not put yourself under too much pressure in regards to home learning. We are aware that parents are using different things and if those are helping provide some routine and some sense of normality for your children, keep doing those things. Although the learning opportunities are there, having family time together, learning new skills in the kitchen, home or garden, going for family walks, doing PE with Joe Wicks, playing a game or watching a film together or whatever is supporting you and your child's well-being at this time, are all the right things to be doing for your families well-being. Do not feel you have to do everything, do what is best for your family.

We have launched this week for classes 2-10, 2email which is in the computing section, of purple mash. Teachers will email the class at the start of the week. You and your children can then email the teacher and the teacher will be checking those emails once a day to reply to them. There is a guide to using this, that has been emailed to parents and it is also in the 'Learning at Home' section on the school website. You are welcome to, but please do not feel that you have to email every day. We would love to hear from you and the children about what you are doing. Photographs of children's work or activities they are doing can also be shared if you would like to, through 2email. For our youngest children's parents in the reception class they have their own email, class1photos@cdatstpaulsprimary.co.uk. Your teachers will be checking this each day and would love to hear from you and how you are doing. The class one page has weekly rainbow challenges filled with ideas that you can pick from. We will be adding pictures to class page galleries. The galleries can also be accessed within the school spider app.

The school website will have other information that you can look at. Each class has their own page in the 'Classes' section of the website.

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The Learning at Home section continues to grow. This includes:

- Writing at home (the writing activity sent to classes 2-10 through purple mash can be found here);
- Worship with Emma, each week there will be a new video added to this section of the website, this is the first one <https://youtu.be/dUbn5YPDd1U>
- A section called, activities for home learning, that has a range of different resources that are available to you if you want to access them
- A guide to keeping in touch with your teachers, through the new email systems
- A section on supporting SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) at home
- Some new information we have received from Tameside on parenting support. This includes numbers you can call, online courses, and links to other support services including for those who may be victims of domestic abuse.

There is also a well-being section on the school website with lots of ideas to support mental health and well-being. Something that is always important to us, but is without doubt vital to us all now. If you do have the time to look at this and other sections of the website, you may find something of use to you and your family.

If you are not following us on twitter, you can join us on [@paul_primary](https://twitter.com/paul_primary)

If you do not have the school spider app, I would ask you to download it so that you receive smartphone messages from us. Parents who have given us their email address for school spider should be receiving to their household, any emails we send from school. If you have not done this or your email has changed and wish to be added to the system, then please send your email to admin@cdatstpaulsprimary.co.uk requesting to be added to the system. Please bear in mind that this takes time to process with school spider.

Our parents who qualify for means tested free school meals will have received vouchers now for use at supermarkets. These come from a company called EDENRED. Please do check your inbox for emails from this company. If your circumstances change and you are now in a position where you qualify then please do contact school.

All of us at St Paul's are thinking of you all. Stay safe and we hope you and your family are staying well.

Yours Sincerely

Mr S Wright