



ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

With Jesus beside us, we do our best

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well during this difficult time. It is a very strange feeling when things change so rapidly and the days can become quickly unstructured and blend into one. We have all become so conditioned to our weekly timetables. I wanted to let you all know that the staff of St. Agnes School are missing your children and looking forward to getting back to normal whenever that might be.

I'm sure most of your time will be spent enjoying shared activities, reassuring your children, trying to keep them safe and navigating supermarket on the hunt for eggs, pasta, toilet rolls etc.

In the meantime I wanted to remind you that our website www.st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk has set up a home learning section. There are many different sites for you to explore and for some the necessary passwords have already been given out by the school.

One of the activities we have always attached great importance to is reading. This is now made more difficult as you no longer have access to the school library, local authority libraries and book shops. However, there are some useful websites which can support online reading. I would stress parental supervision for some of these sites. See below for links.

- The National Literacy Trust has also launched an [online zone](#) for parents which includes reading and writing activities, book lists, videos, competitions and reading challenges.
- OXFORD READING OWL <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>
- ABDO - ABDO's entire eBook collection is now available to students to access at home for free. Check which books your child chooses as the list includes books for older children.

Website: <https://bit.ly/2wrid3H>

After Easter we will look to set up class blogs where teachers can make more direct contact with their classes. Details will be available once arrangements are in place.

Don't forget you can go to Tower Hamlets website where you can sign up to a newsletter to get the latest information on support available during this time. Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/coronavirus

Families can also find out about services and resources/activities for children on the Tower Hamlets Local Offer – visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/localoffer

Stay safe

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