

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your hard work with supporting your child's learning at home this week. As I have previously informed you, we will continue to plan fortnightly lessons with the focus on Reading, Writing and Maths but we will include links for foundation subjects and use resources from a range of websites eg. [www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy)

Following feedback from staff and parents at St George's regarding this week's remote learning, it is an expectation that all children upload their learning/take a photo of their learning and send it back via email or Teams. This can be done on any IT device-a laptop, a mobile phone, a play station etc.

Furthermore, teachers will use their time at school to prepare resources, to give feedback during live tutorials and discuss misconceptions that have occurred during the week. It is not an expectation that staff will be able to give individual feedback for every child for every piece of work. This would not be manageable.

I am sure you will appreciate that when teachers are at school, planning can be adapted to suit children's needs, and this can happen after each learning session. However, remote teaching is planned for a fortnight and teachers are having to adapt their teaching style and resources to suit this type of learning. This is so the children can move on with their remote learning that links to the videoed power points or daily sessions using their hard copy of resources.

Remember to support your child in accessing their learning for that day. If learning is completed, we have included other platforms such as Purple Mash, Timetables Rock Stars and they can practise spellings, reading etc.

The DFE has decided to distribute free laptops for each school according to their level of need in relation to each school's context. We have not received these laptops yet! We have very few arriving, and I will be liaising with staff regarding our vulnerable families and those families that have many siblings trying to access remote learning on a shared device.

As a Trust we have written a 'Device Loan Agreement' which must be read, understood, and signed if families are loaned a device. It states clearly that this device must be handled with care and returned to school when we reopen in the same condition as it was when it was sent out.

Furthermore, we will be contacting parents who have no or very poor WIFI connections. I submitted a request for free Sim cards, and these were gifted to school by Vodafone, together with an information leaflet. They can be used in mobile phones and some laptops. I have asked the IT technicians from the Trust to create a crib sheet for you regarding the use of these Sim cards.

Although parents/carers are requesting laptops, I have a very limited supply and that is why we have provided all children with a hard pack of resources for their learning at home. If

you follow the guidance you received earlier in the week, all children can send their work back to their teacher and if a parent feels uneasy with their child using their personal mobile phone, the adult can take a photo of completed work and send back to school via email at the appropriate 'homelearning' email address provided in your email earlier this week. **You will be informed, when the IT devices arrive and if we feel your child/family would benefit greatly from receiving this loaned device.**

I will continue to keep you updated of any changes or updates relating to our Remote Learning provision and if we can support you further, do not hesitate to contact us at school.

As teachers we have a duty to provide quality first education for all our pupils, whether they are learning at home or at school. As parents, you have a duty to support your child with their education and ensure they complete tasks/assignments planned for them by their class teacher and that they attend all their live tutorials.

I am responsible for monitoring all the children at St George's. I will not hesitate to call you myself, or visit you at home, for a safe and wellbeing check if I feel that your child is not engaging and continuing with their education during this national lockdown. The Department of Education and Ofsted have requested that all schools monitor children's progress in these challenging times, and I have been informed to report children as 'missing in education' if they have not participated, engaged, or communicated with school for a period of time.

As a school within the Black Pear Trust, we are proud of our 'Remote Learning' offer for all our children. Although, we have had many challenges this week I am pleased to report that the majority of children are engaging with their learning, attending their live feedback tutorials, and sending their work to their teachers once it has been completed.

Keep up the good work and keep in touch!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Snape', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Clare Snape  
Head of School