



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe.

It feels very strange not seeing the children's smiling faces each day and welcoming you all into the playground. I am missing you all. We are now all in our own bubble for a while –but you are not alone! This will end and we will once again be back to together as a school community and be enjoying special times with our friends and families.

These are certainly unprecedented times. The children, no doubt, have very mixed feelings about what is happening. Whilst the thought of 'no school' is perhaps a novel excitement, they will no doubt be missing their friends and the fun they have with each other. You will possibly be feeling anxious about their academic learning and progress. This is perfectly understandable and I know you will be doing your best to support your child using the materials that the teachers are providing. A structure to the day will support you and help your child with understanding what's expected.

However there is not an expectation that they work for the whole of the school day. In school they have PE, Art, DT Music and circle discussion times etc. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy quality family time –playing games (30 day lego challenge?) building dens inside or out. You could learn to juggle! You could learn a new language...Become a music producer. Don't forget these are not normal times –and the most important thing at the moment is that your child is reassured, happy and as worry free as possible.

Please remember the teachers are there to help if you are having difficulty with any of the online learning. They will setting work ready for the start of each week on a Monday and will also be sending you any links to online sites –many of these are offering free access to a range of learning resources. Please contact them via their e mail addresses to share a particularly **special** piece of work or project your child has done (please choose only something very special as the teachers will be limited by how many responses they are able to give); ask any questions or suggest ideas.

The school is currently closed as we now have just one family accessing the critical key worker provision. St Luke's Primary are open and offering this facility to local schools. A member of staff will accompany the Messing children while there.

I can be contacted on my e mail address or via the school e mail. Mrs Gooday is also picking e mails from the school address.

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Please tell the children I am sending a huge smile and said hello and that I am thinking of them.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jackie Halliday  
Headteacher