



# St. Cuthbert's RC Primary School

You are unique, talented and loved by God.

Dear parents / carers,

Firstly, thank you very much for your communication over the past few days relating to critical key worker places and also for your patience while we adjusted and planned for the rest of this half term. All of our classes have at least one third of pupils in school and we are at capacity in some classes. For those of you who have applied, Mr Graham will have sent a link asking you to state which days you require your child to be in school. Please only take up a Critical Key Worker space if you absolutely need to. We do appreciate how difficult it is to work from home and look after your child but wherever it is possible, please be mindful of the government advice that the safest place for everyone in our community is at home.

Due to the high demand of places, our staff will be busy teaching in class as well as preparing online learning and we want this to be as equal as we possibly can for all our pupils. In the Autumn term we were able to allow pupils to use Google Meet to access lessons that were being taught in school if they were isolating at home. While this would be the ideal scenario, we do have to consider that our Internet provision will probably not handle 100 households video linking in to 7 classes at the same time and so we are going to need to balance live sessions and teaching with pre-recorded videos, presentations and links to other services. However, we do know that having daily opportunities with their friends and class teacher / teaching assistant is the thing that families have valued most and so we will continue to offer this as much as we possibly can and may be able to increase it as we see what our system can handle. Your child will have a 'meet and greet' session with some social activities each morning and an afternoon drop in for support with work if they need it. As your child is completing their work, if they have any difficulties or questions, they/you can also post these in their Google Classroom and a member of their Year Group team will respond as quickly as possible.

We have arranged a timetable for the next 7 school days (until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January) and will review this next week. Each day, a timetable for learning will be posted on your child's Google Classroom. In order to keep things as normal as possible for your child, we would ask that you arrange a slot to come and collect your child's exercise books from school so that they can work as they normally would in class. Again, this really helped us with pupils who were isolating before Christmas as it meant that when they returned to school we could see clearly how they had done and their work 'joined up' with things they had learned in class. You can do that by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/1tjpQaa2HWWXQvWL8> **If you are unable to collect your child's resources you MUST contact school.**

The government expects schools to ensure that all children are engaging with school every day and so we will need to take a register of those completing work and joining in with learning. Our work follows a sequence so it is really important that the children do complete it daily as otherwise they may have gaps and misunderstandings in their learning. We expect to hear from you each day whether that is by taking part in the live sessions or by handing in completed work on Google Classroom. Ideally, children will participate in a full day's teaching in order to get the most out of the learning we are providing. If we do not hear from you for two consecutive days, we will contact you to discuss how we can support your family. We have previously sent out a form asking if families need to have access to devices so they can access online learning. Please ensure you contact Mr Graham if you are struggling to do this. There may be times when you need to print worksheets for your child. If you need hard copies of these, please let your child's class teacher know and packs can be made available weekly at the school office. You can find all email addresses for staff on the school website.

### **Reception Class**

Reception will be using Tapestry Online Journal for home learning. Exercise books will not be used in Reception but work packs will be on printable worksheets that you can collect if you don't have a printer.

### **Year 1**

Year 1 can access google classroom and google meet (live lessons) by using [year1@stcuthbertsprimary.com](mailto:year1@stcuthbertsprimary.com) and password: tree1234

### **Year 2**

Year 2 can access google classroom and google meet (live lessons) by using [year2@stcuthbertsprimary.com](mailto:year2@stcuthbertsprimary.com) and password: tree1234

### **Years 3,4,5 & 6**

Years 3,4,5 & 6 can access google classroom and google meet (live lessons) using their own login. ie: TomS@stcuthbertsprimary.com Your child will know their password, if not, please contact [b.graham@stcuthbertsprimary.com](mailto:b.graham@stcuthbertsprimary.com) who can reset it for you.



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