



# St Lawrence C of E (Aided) Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week of remote learning completed and we think we are into the swing of things now. I have had several meetings this week on Zoom, Microsoft Teams and Google Meet. I find myself hunting around the screen for buttons as I have forgotten which one I'm using and their layouts are all different. Chuck FaceTime into the mix and I really lose the plot!

I continue to hear a variety of messages coming through on the DfE grapevine. The fact that we will be getting two weeks' notice before we start back should be very welcome by schools and parents alike. As you know being given 24 hours' notice to implement things is not ideal and two weeks will allow us to implement whatever we are asked to do. At this point I am hearing that schools, themselves, might be allowed to set the date of opening. I am also hearing that we might be opening region by region depending on cases, or not until after Easter, or on a rota basis not in bubbles or a phased return of different children. Nothing has been confirmed yet and I continue to make provisional plans for all these eventualities so that we are as ready as we can be. Obviously, we will keep you posted but please remember – we hear at the same time you do.

Again, a big thank you to those parents who have emailed in and sent in sweets, wine etc for the staff. It is very kind but the point is that we feel that we are hitting the right notes with regard to the amount of contact with teachers and work set for the children. Please can I remind you not to pressure your children with work? If they have problems or can't finish work then they can talk to their teacher. We don't want children to feel overly pressured to complete everything every day. I would like to remind parents that you do need to oversee the work your child is doing. We have had a couple of incidents today where children have not engaged in an appropriate way and teachers have had to ring home. Please make sure that your children are respectful and proper at all times.

As usual I am reminding all parents to be honest when it comes to children who are attending school. Please ensure that you only send them in when necessary and because there is no one at home to look after them.

With best wishes,

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