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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all managed to have a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote (for now) summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time for us all and I hope that you are adjusting well in these difficult circumstances. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing office@st-johns.croydon.sch.uk which is monitored daily.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe so we're carrying on with sending you information regularly via WEDUC and the class teachers will be phoning you again each week to see if everything is OK and to offer any advice or support that they can.

On Friday, you were sent the learning to cover the next two weeks. *A large number of families responded to the questionnaire about printers stating that they do not have one. We are unable to deliver printed copies of work on this scale and have been advised not to ask you to collect work.* Therefore, the latest learning that has been designed to be viewed on screen and answered on paper so that it doesn't need printing. If you have any concerns about helping your child learn or problems accessing stationery, please chat this through with the teacher when they call.

We know you will appreciate that we can't deliver the same sort of education we do when the school is fully open. We've tried to keep everyone's workloads appropriate and realistic during this turbulent period. You may have seen different approaches from other schools in the news, such as providing live lessons online. We decided not to do this because we know that some families in our community don't have the technology/time/circumstances at home to support this kind of learning at the moment, so we're focusing on supporting pupils to learn in the most widely accessible ways possible. We'll continue to review how we deliver home learning and will let you know if we decide to change our approach.

Please don't worry about your children getting behind with learning. Everyone's in the same boat, and when things get back to normal we'll make sure we get everyone back on track and the *children will share their experiences and some of their favourite work.*

Just because we're not all in the same building, it doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! We love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending in photos so that we can showcase them in the upcoming newsletters office@st-johns.croydon.sch.uk Later today, you will receive a 'video postcard' from your child's class teacher which I hope you enjoy. On Friday 24th April, Rev. Chapman (mum of Elinor and Edward) will be leading Collective Worship at 10am. Please have a penny available. We will send you the link nearer the time.

We can't yet say when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from the school community. *Thank you for your commitment and hard work in trying to minimise the impact on your child's education during these times.*

Warm regards

Mrs Martin