



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

With Jesus we love, grow and succeed



6th April 2020

I write to you through unprecedented circumstances, with challenges being faced on a scale never known before in our lifetime. I have taken inspiration today from the Lenten Journey of Prayer booklet where today we are reminded of the words from Psalm 17; *"In my anguish I called to the Lord and he heard my voice"*. In these uncertain times, we hold steadfast to our faith and encourage our children to do the same, using prayer as a channel for worries, questions and concerns our children have. With this in mind, I personally invite your children and your family to join with us in a weekly worship virtual assembly on Monday 6th April at 9:30am. Log onto our Facebook page before 9:30am where I will share the link for you to start at 9:30am. Please share any photos of your worship time on the link on our Facebook; teachers and staff will be doing the same as we all join for this special time. If you don't yet follow us on Facebook, search for @stpatricksc Coventry. This week, teachers have been contacting all of their children to catch up with them over the phone. It has been lovely to hear the feedback from teachers of how excited the children have been to speak to their teachers. This will continue weekly where possible. Teachers have also set up class emails should you need to contact them for any reason and will also be supporting your children with useful links, projects etc. that they may wish to do over the coming weeks.

As we enter Holy Week, self-isolation may offer a time like never before to reflect on the sacrifices that Jesus made for us. Your child has a Wednesday Word Lent and Easter booklet that will guide you through the weekly readings and offers ideas of activities, discussion and prayer that you can share with them.

I wish you and your families all the very best and good health, and I look forward to the day when we are reunited as a family once again at St Patricks. Your family and children are missed by every single member of staff. God bless,

Mrs Sherratt

It is vital that you keep us up to date with your current contact details (this includes details if you are isolating at an alternative address than the one we have on our system for your child). The email address below is monitored daily and all updates should be sent to:

admin.sp@romeromac.com



If your child is entitled to Free school meals through the Pupil Premium grant, we are now being supported by the government to provide e-vouchers for your use. These will be sent via email directly to you. If you do not receive your voucher, please contact the email address above with your child's name and we will respond to you. If you don't have an e-mail address on our system, your voucher will be posted to you but may take a little while longer to arrive.

E-Safety guidance for parents during

Covid-19

Help your kids stay safe online.
Work as a **TEAM**



"It is more important than ever for parents to have regular conversations with their children about what they're doing online and to reassure them they can come to you with any worries."

Talk - Have a conversation

Children will be missing their friends and will want to try and get in contact with each other. It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they are doing online or who they are speaking to. But it is important to have a conversation with your child like you would if you were asking about their day at school or using the questions around this page or on the link below.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

How does this game/app work? Can I play?

Do you have any online friends?

Manage - Review or set up your parental controls and internet filters

Parental controls are a valuable resource designed to help protect children online. They can be used to monitor age-appropriate content, usage time and to monitor their online activity. You can find out more information on how to set up your parental controls in the link below.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/parental-controls>

Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

O₂  **NSPCC**
Let's keep kids safe online

Explore - Social Media

Children, like adults may become distressed if they see repeated coverage of the current pandemic in the media. Likewise, shielding children from it may pique their curiosity. Instead, consider reducing the amount of exposure you and your family get to access troubling media. Talk to them about what is going on and what they have heard. Try to answer their questions and reassure them in an age appropriate manner.

Remember that nearly all social networking sites only allow users aged 13 and over.

Agree - Make a family agreement

As a family talk about the different ways you all use the internet and how you behave positively online.

Agree to a set of rules. This could be anything from online gaming to the amount of time spent online or apps children are allowed to use.

Every family's agreement will be different. It is important that you all agree on a set of consequences for when the rules are broken. To find out more information on setting up a family agreement follow the link below.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/putting-the-family-agreement-into-practice->

Do you know where to go for help?

Worried about your child?

If you're worried about something your child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for free support and advice.

Call them on 0808 800 5000 or contact them online.

Children can contact Childline any time to get support themselves. If you or your children see any harmful content online, you can report this at reportharmfulcontent.com