



St. Stephen's School
and Children's Centre
Learning for Life

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Letter 5- Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents/carers,

In these uncertain times, I hope you are all staying safe, keeping well and adjusting to a new way of living. I am saddened to hear of a few bereavements within our school community. My thoughts and prayers are with these families. The most important thing you can do right now is to keep your family and loved ones happy and safe from risk.

I am very aware that you and your child are worried about missing their school work. Please rest assured that as Headteacher of the school I have no concerns that we will get back on track once school returns. The dedicated and highly effective teachers coupled with robust systems and superb support staff interventions will ensure that all children will catch up quickly to St Stephen's high standards.

I would encourage you all to spend this precious time with your delightful children interacting and being a family together. Focus on the values of kindness, compassion and giving.

Daily reading makes better readers, read as a family, promote the value and respect for books. Other activities and weekly homework are on the home learning platform. This is more than enough for children of Primary age. My recommendation for KS1 is one hour a day and KS2 2 hours a day. For children in Nursery and Reception it is recommended that they are exposed to 5-7 books in one day.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support during these difficult days. Through dialogue with the staff, they continually echo our want to be back at school and miss your children greatly. If you want to get in touch to share any information, please do not hesitate to do so via mark.little@st-stephens.newham.sch.uk who will direct your email to the appropriate member of staff.

Stay home-Save the NHS-Save Lives

Yours sincerely,

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