



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continuing support, we hope this letter finds you and your family well.

We would like to keep in touch with you throughout this period of school closure with updates; please feel free to contact us via the SMSJ website and a member of staff will respond as soon as possible to your query.

Families in receipt of free school meals

We have arranged for Asda E-vouchers for our families in receipt of free school meals and so there is no need for bank details to be shared with the school. There are some unscrupulous fraudsters targeting people at the moment so please remember SMSJ does not require your bank details for you to receive the Asda vouchers.

Ideas to help keep your children entertained at home

It is all very well maintaining a structure of study during the day, but what should your children do in their free-time?

Virtual Museum Tours

As we can't physically visit museums at the moment, how about exploring them on-line?

1. Pinacoteca di Brera - Milan <https://pinacotecabrera.org/>
2. Galleria degli Uffizi - Florence <https://www.uffizi.it/mostre-virtuali>
3. Musei Vaticani - Rome <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/it/collezioni/catalogo-online.html>
4. Museo Archeologico - Athens <https://www.namuseum.gr/en/collections/>
5. Prado - Madrid <https://www.museodelprado.es/en/the-collection/art-works>
6. Louvre - Paris <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
7. British Museum - London <https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection>
8. Metropolitan Museum - New York <https://artsandculture.google.com/explore>

9. Hermitage - Saint Juan Petersburg <https://bit.ly/3cJHdnj>

10. National Gallery of art - Washington <https://www.nga.gov/index.html>

11. Galileo Museum in Florence - <https://www.museogalileo.it/en/library-and-research-institute/projects/virtual-exhibitions.html>

Field Studies Council (FSC)

The FSC have produced some resources for primary school children to enjoy at home:

- [Maps](#)
- [Scavenger Hunt](#)
- [Weather](#)

BBC Teach

If you need some extra resources the [BBC](#) has developed thousands of free curriculum-mapped videos, arranged by age-group and subject.

Lovely Manners

Thank you on behalf of our staff for teaching your children to have such lovely manners. Our Senior Science Technician has been spending a lot of time in communication with our students resetting 'Kerboodle' passwords and has received lovely emails asking her for help. Every single student has also emailed her back to say thank you. Please pass on a big 'thank you' from us to your children for being so polite and an absolute credit to you.

Talking to children about the coronavirus

[Emerging Minds](#) has produced a [list of recommended resources](#) regarding how to best support children and young people with their worries and anxiety.

These links from trusted sources have been grouped by age category to make it easier for you to find age-appropriate information for your child/ the child you're supporting.

Safeguarding Update

Thinkuknow (an education programme from the National Crime Agency) have produced '[Home Activity Packs](#)' for primary and secondary schoolchildren to help keep them safe on-line.

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation, a child protection charity, have produced a '[Parents Protect](#)' website to help parents and carers protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

The NSPCC has created a [new webpage](#) with information and advice for parents or carers who are worried a child or young person may be struggling with their mental health or has anxiety about Coronavirus. The webpage includes information on: talking about feelings and worries; keeping in touch and balancing screen time; ways to create structure and routine; and helping to give children a sense of control.

The NSPCC have also produced a [list of books](#) to help support children who are worried and anxious.

Should students or parents/carers have any safeguarding concerns during school closure, please email our Designated and Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

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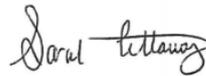
Please note that the school email will be monitored during usual school opening hours only. If a child is at risk of immediate danger please contact the Barnet MASH team on 020 8359 4066 or the police on 999.

We hope that the information provided will help to alleviate any anxieties during this period of uncertainty and we wish you and your family the very best of health. Please keep us updated if any immediate family member does become ill so that we may offer any support that we can.

Yours faithfully,



Simon Atkinson
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Sarah Pittaway
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