



### Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are all well and staying safe, we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

We have been thinking about you all and we miss seeing everyone at school very much. We are really looking forward to the time when we are all back together.

We are also keeping in our prayers all of our families who have loved ones who are poorly at this time and are praying especially for those of you who have been affected by sadness. We are very, very sorry for anyone who is in sadness or difficulty at this time and promise we are all really thinking of you.

With the start of the Summer Term and the return to some more formal home learning, there is no expectation that your child will have to complete the whole pack or all of the work online, but we hope some of it will be useful.

The NEW excellent quality resource for daily online lessons for each year group funded by the government – the content matches the National Curriculum and mirrors what your children have been taught at school so you can dip into lessons from both sites with confidence. I enclose details and links to both websites below:

### [The National Academy](https://www.thenational.academy)

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/>

The government has funded an excellent new online resource for all year groups where you can access 3 new lessons per day. It is easy to use and provides good quality lessons every day. We REALLY recommend using this excellent resource. Here's how to access it:

1. Go to the National Academy;
2. Select online classroom;
3. Select your child's year group;
4. Select the day of the week e.g. Monday;
5. You will then find 3 very good quality daily lessons to work through every day of the week.

Another NEW excellent quality resource has launched today from the BBC: BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons. The BBC is also providing three daily lessons for all year groups, every day of the week during school closures.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

1. Go to [bbc.co.uk/bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize);
2. You should see Daily Lessons Are Here – click on start a lesson;
3. Select your child's year group;
4. You will then find three very good quality daily lessons to work through every day of the week.

### **How much work should my child be doing?**

Between the paper pack from school, the National Academy and BBC Bitesize, there is MORE THAN ENOUGH work to keep your child going and they are NOT EXPECTED TO DO ALL OF IT! It is very important that home learning is not stressful for you or your child and you need to take a sensible approach.

It is not usually practical to expect your child to work for 6 hours a day like they do at school! The resources that are now available provide you with a range of options. The online lessons in particular should be engaging and enjoyable and easy to use. We would suggest that completing three activities per day between BBC Bitesize, the National Academy and our work pack is a reasonable amount to do each day – but each child and family is different. Six lessons per day plus the work pack will be far too much for most children (and parents)! Please don't worry about getting behind – as soon as the children come back to school we will very quickly help all of them to catch up. Anything you can do at home will help to support your child. These new online resources in particular should make any home learning you do much easier and more enjoyable.

## We'll be in touch

We will give you a call over the next few weeks to say hello and keep in touch. Now that the Government and BBC are providing good quality online learning, we will review the need for paper work packs moving forward and let you know. We will also ask for your thoughts when we call you.

Stay at Home, Stay Safe. We miss you and we look forward to the time when we are all safely back together.

## Nursery Places

If you have a son or daughter who is 3 years old or you know someone who is requesting a Nursery place for September then we are delighted to help. We offer 30 hours free for working parents and 15 hours for morning or afternoon places.

Please contact 0121 422 2629 (Our lady and St Hubert's Catholic Primary ) or email [office@stphilips.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:office@stphilips.sandwell.sch.uk) whilst the school is closed, the contact information above is the best direction for your enquiry and we will endeavour to support and help.



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Nursery Places Available  
**FREE 30 HOURS**  
FOR WORKING PARENTS

Ring us now on 0121 558 1643 to find out more

Messenger Road, Smethwick, B66 3DU

The image is a promotional flyer for St Philip's Catholic Primary School. It features the school's logo (a blue shield with a white cross and the letters 'SP') in the top right corner. The main text is in a blue and white color scheme. There are three circular inset photos showing children in a nursery setting: one with a table and chairs, one with a child at a desk, and one with a child on a rug.

## Class emails

Class emails have been set up for your children to be given direction for work and it would be lovely to see some of your examples of work/photographs that you could send us. The emails are the school name and the year group of your child.

## Here to help

Nothing is more important than to ensure the happiness, well-being and academic progress of all children in our school. If you have a concern or worry, then please DO NOT let them build up. Please contact us and we will work hard to sort them out for you. Whilst our school is closed, we are working from Our Lady and St Hubert's and you can call the school on 0121 422 2629 or email [office@st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk) and we will endeavour to help and support you.

## Contact Details

**If your contact details have changed** since the new term started and are different to the details we have on record, please ensure that you let us know of any new numbers and other information for us to contact you directly. During this time, our communication with you is limited by email or text. Please contact us by emailing [office@st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk) and we will update your information.

Take care and God Bless.



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