

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

I am delighted to welcome Mrs O'Brien back to St John's for this Summer Term. She is taking on the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher. She knows the school well and fits in so easily. She will relieve me of some tasks and will deputise for me when I am not in school. She will lead Safeguarding in school and Science. She will have some classroom commitment and responsibilities. Individual class letters will explain her role in different year groups.

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, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. 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 email or through Goggle Classroom. Please ensure you are all signed in – Nursery to Year 5. Year 6 are continuing with the same approach as last term.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow our government's guidance and keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with learning remotely using Goggle Classroom. Please be patient with us. It is new for everyone and we are trying hard to get our heads around the complexities of using IT to deliver our teaching.

Just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! So keep an eye out on Facebook as we try to keep the St John's spirit alive. Thank you to the Taylor family for our idea of a virtual St Juff's Walk around the Parish. Our physical fundraising walk is planned for Friday September 11th, as we have had to postpone this event which usually takes place in May. Mrs O'Brien mentioned this in her introductory letter sent out on Monday morning.

We can't say yet 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.

Let's get cracking with our summer term!

Warm regards,

Trudie De La Haye | Head Teacher

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