

## St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy Newsletter update 2020

I would like to begin this update by thanking all of our school family for the way everyone has responded to this unprecedented event, your kind actions, words of thanks and encouragement have been gratefully received. We are a week into this school closure and it has been lovely to see how we have come together as a community and have looked after each other so well.

All our teachers are working very hard and doing a fantastic job. We understand that these times are difficult and if a website has been going slowly due to increased use these issues should soon be worked through by the providers. Please be patient as we all working through these first few days together. If there are any ways we can assist you with any worry before it becomes a bigger issue please let us know. Your kindness, support and patience are just as important now as ever to all of our staff, parents and children in our community. It is a time to keep the spirit of St Elizabeth's alive as we support each other with the same kindness as our Saint used in her life helping others with selfless generosity.

### Learning from home:

By now you and your children will be engaging with the Purple Mash resource, this covers all curriculum areas and is for all age groups, teachers are setting "to do" tasks on here so use the login and password to access this.

MyMaths and Abacus support maths, again your children can log in with school passwords and also go into their own portal.

Please continue to read with your child, they can write book reports and keep records on their reading.

BBC bitesize have got some fabulous primary games, go to [bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://bbc.co.uk/bitesize) and you'll see KS1 geography - Pirate Bunnies World Adventure, KS1 science - Dinosaur Discovery, KS2 maths - Guardians: Defenders of Maths, KS2 English - Crystal Explorers, KS2 science - Earth Squad, Go! That's just a few examples.

You might want to take the opportunity to learn a new skill together. British Sign Language are offering free enrolment to their introductory course at the moment (just click your child is under 18 and it will discount the entire amount), they will receive an official certificate once the course is completed, should you be interested the web address is <https://www.british-sign.co.uk/shop/product/introducing-british-sign-language-enrolment/>

Please don't be afraid to give your child chance to write, draw, paint, do crafts, bake together, go walking, go in the garden, play board games, do science experiments together, learn to tell the time, set up shops and use real money and go for virtual field trips. Teachers will continue to send messages and work via the class twitter pages.

### Supporting you at home

If there is anything we can help with please email school [info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk) we want you to know that we are still more than happy to help and if there is any worry please let us know so that we can assist you.

Your child's mental health and well-being is so important at such a worrying time like this and the things you do as a family and how you help them feel safe and secure will be of the utmost importance. Please be kind and look after yourselves, you will be in all our thoughts and prayers in the weeks ahead.

God bless, from Mrs Clemens and all of the staff at St Elizabeth's.