



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: **Respect \* Kindness \* Challenge \* Forgiveness \* Perseverance**

Dear Parents

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I hope you are all remaining well and staying safe; I have just a few pieces of information to pass on to you.

## *Home Learning*

Next week's "Home Learning" will go live on the website in time for this morning. You will notice that the maths is different this week. We are a week ahead of most other schools with the White Rose planning. This is because the Easter holiday in Cumbria was earlier than elsewhere in the country this week. We have therefore made the decision not to set any new White Rose maths this week so that we are in sync with the rest of the country from next week. One of the advantages of this will be that BBC Bitesize are starting to link some learning on their site with White Rose. Therefore, by leaving White Rose for this week means that we are able to link with the Bitesize learning too.

We are therefore suggesting that children use this next week to catch up on any White Rose (up to and including week 2 Summer Term). Mathematics, Time Table Rockstars and the white maths books can also be used this week. This means that we will all be ready to start Summer Term week 3 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May with everyone else.

Please do remember however our message last week that you should do what fits in with your family life at the moment. We are putting this information out as a suggestion and for those who are in a position to be able to, and want to, do it. This is not intended to put any extra pressure on families.

## *Wellbeing*

If you have any concerns over your children's wellbeing during this time please do get in touch and we will do what we can to help. Similarly, we do have some organisations and resources that we can signpost adults to who may be finding the current situation difficult.

## *Free School Meals*

For many people their financial circumstance may have changed dramatically in the past few weeks. If you feel that you may now be eligible for Free School Meals please look at the following link which explains more.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals?fbclid=IwAR0JzLnRtZ1yHFmumixQZ7Exyqco20TG4N-s25r-wNuUOe0K8NVHMgw6Vs>

## *Free Online Activities*

The following websites have been recommended to us by the DfE. They are mainly aimed at younger children. They contain a selection of fun activities that you could try at home.

- <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- <https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/play-talk-read>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

As always if you have any queries or there is anything we can help you with please do not hesitate to get in touch. The easiest way to do this currently is via email, [jpaisley@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:jpaisley@st-michaels.cumbria.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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