

Dear Parents

We hope that your first day of remote learning has been productive. We thought that it would be helpful to share things that we have learnt to help make tomorrow even better.

The first learning point is for us. We had hoped to send the Remote Learning Plans to you, the parents, via our data management system. Unfortunately, the files were too big so we could only send them directly to the pupils' outlook email accounts. We hope that this was not too difficult to manage. Tomorrow we will continue to look for a way in which these can be sent directly to you as well as to the pupils.

We have had a few questions about contacting teachers via their email. Please refer to the Parent Portal on the school website for all staff email addresses.

We thought it would be helpful for you to know that as an additional security measure, pupils in Years 1 - 4 have their email accounts restricted to internal emails only. This means that they cannot send or receive any external emails (e.g. Hotmail, Gmail). Pupils in Years 5 - 8 can receive emails from external platforms for them to receive information relating to their learning (e.g. PearsonActive Learn, Doodle).

We have enjoyed the pictures and videos that have been sent to us throughout the day. Please do continue to share these with our marketing team so that we can all stay connected through social media. Please email [kvoce@stmichaels.kent.sch.uk](mailto:kvoce@stmichaels.kent.sch.uk) with any magic moments from the learning taking place in your household.

A highlight of the day was the response to Mr Wiseman's resource that was sent to you all earlier. Do feel free to make good use of this.

We are very grateful for the positive feedback and response that we have received today. As with any new venture, evolution is at the heart of good practice and we are looking to develop what we are doing to further benefit the children and their learning at this time. We held our senior team meeting via MS Teams today and we are looking at trialling extended use of this app to enable the children to hear directly from their teachers. We will keep in touch regarding these developments and make sure you have advance notice of the time that we may introduce any live lessons or assemblies.

Once again, thank you for your support, positivity and perseverance as the way that we work enters this new chapter.

Best wishes,

Mary Bridges