



'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love'

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear parents,

I would firstly like to congratulate our children for continuing to 'live out' our Christian vision and values demonstrating their love, resilience and independence for learning. I am immensely proud to see first-hand the quality of the remote learning children have been able to produce in challenging circumstances and also the way that children attending school have adapted to different timetables and more safety measures in their classrooms.

Thank you to all of the parents who are juggling life with home learning. I am very impressed at the level of engagement you are encouraging from your children. As many of our staff are working parents themselves, we know just how hard it is to manage all of these commitments. This work will really help them to be able to transition back into school, once we are able to have them in again.

Our wonderful staff are also continuing to work extremely hard, multi-tasking between teaching on site and delivering live sessions and learning packs. We are grateful for your continued positive feedback – your small comments and emails make a huge difference to morale, thank you!

I will be holding a virtual parent forum meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 7-7.30pm and a virtual SEND coffee afternoon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 2-2.30pm. Please email <u>head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</u> if you would like to attend.

## **Remote Learning**

Thank you to those of you who have collected the new remote learning packs and dropped off the children's work. Following a quarantine period, staff will be looking in detail at the children's learning. Feedback will be given at our parent consultations.

## Lateral Flow Tests for Staff

Following the launch of rapid asymptomatic coronavirus (COVID-19) testing in secondary schools and colleges on 4 January, staff in primary schools are also being offered the opportunity to take part in regular asymptomatic testing.

Staff at Tonwell St Mary's will be taking the tests twice per week. Please be aware that it is possible that this could cause some disruption to our provision on site for children of critical workers/vulnerable groups.

## **Parent Consultations**

We will be running our parent consultations using the same format as last term. The main part of the consultation will take place via phone call.

You will receive a copy of the interim written report (that is usually discussed at the consultation meeting) before the meeting. You will be able to book a phone consultation time with your child's class teacher at the following times:





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Miss Nicolaou (Oak class)	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 10-11am and 4pm-5pm (simone.nicolaou@tonwell.herts.sch.uk)
Miss Fitzgerald (Pine class)	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2pm-3pm and 4pm-6pm (lisa.fitzgerald@tonwell.herts.sch.uk)
Mrs Wagner (Ash class)	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 4pm-6pm (veronica.wagner@tonwell.herts.sch.uk)

Please email your child's class teacher with you preferred slot for your 10-minute phone consultation. You will receive confirmation of the specific time for your appointment beforehand.

Miss Nicolou (Oak class) Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Miss Fitzgerald (Pine class) Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mrs Wagner (Ash class) Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
10.00-10.30am	2.00-2.30pm	4.00-4.30pm
10.30-11.00am	2.30-3.00pm	4.30-5.00pm
4.00-4.30pm	4.00-4.30pm	5.00-5.30pm
4.30-5.00pm	4.30-5.00pm	5.30-6.00pm
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Please phone or email the school if you have any further questions. All staff will be in school working their normal hours and supporting groups of key worker children, so might not be able to respond immediately.

Kínd regards,

Mrs Brídgman