

# St Laurence Church Infant School

# Newsletter

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Hello everyone. I think we can all agree that the first week of term was not what we had imagined it would be, but I have been so grateful for the patience and understanding our families have shown as we have organised bubbles of children in school and online-learning from home.

It is often in the most difficult of circumstances when the true character of our school community shines brightest. You are the rock on which our school is built—I know that, whatever your circumstance, you will be doing the very best for your child. Whether that be as a critical worker, sending your child to school so that you can help our country beat coronavirus, or by helping keep others safe by keeping your child happy and healthy at home.

If you are helping your child learn from home then we hope you are finding that online learning is meeting your needs. As just over half of our children are now learning this way, we want to make sure we are getting it right for our families. If you have any feedback to help us improve aspects of our service or to highlight elements which you think particularly work, please do get in contact.

## Year Two to Juniors Transfer—**Deadline Approaching**

If any year Two parents haven't yet applied for a place for Year Three, you must do this by **15th January** which is this **Friday**.

Details about how to apply can be found here: [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/695/transfer\\_from\\_infant\\_to\\_juniorprimary\\_school/2](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/695/transfer_from_infant_to_juniorprimary_school/2)

If you need any support with this process, please phone the school office.

## Critical Workers





On Friday the government changed their guidance for critical workers accessing school provision to clarify that **parents and carers who can keep their children at home should.**

In light of this if any critical workers are working from home, or work on a rota pattern, please keep your child at home on those days which you can.

We will adapt the teaching in school so that each day the same lesson is happening in the classrooms and online for children who are in school some days and not others.

## Children learning at home


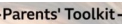
The timetable for live sessions from school is as follows:

Session	Time	Days	Channel
<b>Worship</b>	9.10am	<b>Monday</b> Amazing Attitude Awards - virtually or in person!	Worship 
		<b>Thursday</b> Church-Led Worship with Canon Janet or Reverend Theresa	
		<b>Friday</b> Worship including birthday candles—virtually or in person!	
<b>Reception Learning</b>	9.45am	<b>Daily</b> Literacy or Mathematics session	Reception 
	11.45am	<b>Daily</b> Phonics session	
	2.30pm	<b>Daily</b> Other areas of Learning and Development and story	
<b>Year One Learning</b>	11.00am	<b>Daily</b> Phonics and either English or Mathematics	Year One 
	1.45pm	<b>Daily</b> Foundation subjects and story	
<b>Year Two Learning</b>	10.15am	<b>Daily</b> Phonics and either English or Mathematics	Year Two 
	1.00pm	<b>Daily</b> Foundation subjects and story	
<b>Class Social Sessions</b>	3.45pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Reception classes ( <b>RR</b> , <b>RY</b> , <b>RB</b> ) <b>Wednesday</b> Year One classes ( <b>1R</b> , <b>1Y</b> , <b>1B</b> ) <b>Thursday</b> Year Two classes ( <b>2R</b> , <b>2Y</b> , <b>2B</b> )	Individual Class channels

We really liked this advice from BBC:

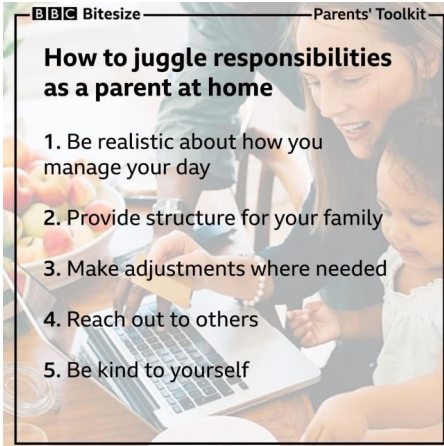
If your child is learning at home, do what works for your family and be kind to yourself—you did not choose to be a home educator and your circumstances will be different from all the other families in your child's class.

Remember we are here if you need to contact us!

### How to juggle responsibilities as a parent at home

1. Be realistic about how you manage your day
2. Provide structure for your family
3. Make adjustments where needed
4. Reach out to others
5. Be kind to yourself



## Do you want to help shape our school?

We currently have space for two Foundation governors on our Governing Board. These governors would not be appointed by election as is the case with parent governors,

Although foundation governors are approved by the diocese, they do not have to be a practising Christian, although they must be someone who is in sympathy with our church ethos.

We are particularly looking for people with skills in the area of **health and safety** and/or to help our Governing Board be more **representative of the diversity of our school**.

If you or someone you know of would be interested in finding out more about this role and helping to shape the strategic direction our school, please contact Mrs Smith to find out more.



Year One  
children  
enjoying  
exploring  
seasonal  
change as  
part of  
their  
learning in  
Science.

