

## St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

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Christopher Dale - Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter. Welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's never been a stranger time to be a school pupil right now, so it's okay if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or contact the main school email:

[office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk)

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with our remote working and provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers by maintaining our link with the Marsh Academy as 'hub' for these families' children.

Our teachers will be setting plenty of tasks for pupils to get stuck into over the summer term. Do remind your child to take breaks away from screens as well, and also make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family. For all the activities keep a close eye on the Class Pages of the school website. Class Dojo will also provide you with daily updates on what to watch out for in your learning.

We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in via the class dojo portfolio pages e.g. by posting or taking a picture and placing it in your portfolio.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Let's get cracking with our summer term!

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale

**Headteacher**

### Primary School Offers;

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2020 you will need to accept or refuse the offer directly with the school. The deadline for returning the primary acceptance/refusal form is 6 May 2020. Places can be accepted via email:

[enquiries@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-nicholas-newromney.kent.sch.uk)

### Important Announcements

#### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A network community support hubs has been set up for the Romney Marsh.

Mobile phone Details of the hub can be found in the link below. Share with those who might need it.

Find out more about the hub for the Romney Marsh – here

<https://bit.ly/2WRKcV8>

#### STAFFING

Our congratulations to Mrs Ross who has been working in Year 3, as part of the Schools Direct graduate programme, as an entry to teaching. She will start her first appointment as soon as we all return to school.

We wish her all the very best for the future.

## More Important News

### Key Worker /Vulnerable families are now at The Marsh Academy.

St Nicholas Academy is now closed. If you have been identified as a Key Worker or a vulnerable family your child should now attend The Marsh Academy. The Marsh will be open from 8.40am to 3.00pm daily. St Nicholas CE Primary staff will be present at the Marsh Academy. Please do not attend if you have not been registered, or you will be turned away.

### Free School Meals families.

We will distribute vouchers for Free School Meals families on **TUESDAY 21st APRIL from 9.30am until 12noon**, from St Nicholas Academy main office reception.

If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals please follow this [link](https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/). (<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>)

### Online learning

This will be available to parents again from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – please go to the Year Group Pages on the school website and look at Class Dojo for instructions from your class teacher.

We are really sorry but we are not able to supply work in hard copy and we know how difficult this is for some families.

When working with your child, be realistic about what you can do

- You're not expected to be teachers and your children won't learn as they do in school. Providing your children with some structure will help them to adapt.
- As you get back into a routine, experiment, then take stock. What's working and what isn't? Ask your children, involve them.
- Share the load if there are 2 parents at home. Split the day into 2-3 hour slots and take turns so you can do your own work
- Take care of your own health and wellbeing. This is still a new way of living for your entire household, so find time to have fun and play games together.

Remember, if you have any problems with 'Class Dojo' or the work set then please contact your child's teacher.

### What if I'm worried about my child or another child?

*If you're finding it hard at home with your child and are struggling to cope, call **Family Lives for free, confidential advice on 0808 800 2222**.*

If you're worried about the safety of another child in our community, call Kent County Council Children's safeguarding services. Call 03000 41 11 11 or email [social.services@kent.gov.uk](mailto:social.services@kent.gov.uk) If you need to contact someone outside of normal office hours, for example during the night, call 03000 41 91 91, or alternatively call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. **If you think a child is in immediate danger call the police on 999.**



## Links for Families

### PE on YouTube with Joe Wicks Whole school

Weekdays at 9am but you can visit any time on YouTube to view this workout or any of his previous recordings.

<https://youtu.be/qGKGNzNbWjU>

### Reading Plus

#### For Years 4 – 6.

Children should all know their passwords to access this site. This is an online Reading programme to improve children's reading skills & comprehension.

<https://login.readingplus.com/>

### Read Write Inc – KS1 & Year 3

From Monday there will be Phonics & Spelling, for children to watch every weekday on [YouTube](#).

Each lesson is fifteen minutes long & available for 24 hours.

#### Set 1

- Set 1 Speed Sounds 9.30am
- Set 1 Word Time 9.45 am
- Set 1 Spelling 10.00 am

#### Set 2

- Set 2 Speed Sounds and Word Time 10.00 am
- Set 2 Spelling 10.15 am

#### Set 3

- Set 3 Speed Sounds and Word Time 10.30 am
- Set 3 Spelling 10.45 am

Also on Monday there is **story time with Nick** at 2pm; films of well-loved stories read by Nick Cannon, a super storyteller.