

## St Nicholas CE Primary Academy

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Christopher Dale - Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time, it is important to remember we all have difficult days. I cannot help but be moved by hearing the stories of those who have lost loved ones since we have been in lockdown; particularly those who work in front line services. For me, the hardest thing is each day we hear the numbers of those who have lost their lives, is to remember that behind those numbers is a person who was loved and is no longer with us. This is why our contribution to the lockdown is so important.

I have been overwhelmed over the last week by the positive stories and pieces of work seen online. Well done to everyone. I know how hard it is to support children when you have two plus children of different ages in the house. Just remind yourself you are doing the best you can. I am also very aware of the issues surrounding internet connection and printing, as we don't all have access to these resources. Remember, you don't always need to print work off, you can write work up on paper or you can take photos and upload any work along with activities you may be doing outside of the set curriculum on your Class Dojo portfolio!

Teachers have noticed that one or two families haven't signed on to Dojo for a while. We're not making judgements about this but we are worried that we haven't had contact for a while so we will be contacting those people to check everything is okay.

Finally, I came across this online book this weekend, it's titled, The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown. It's produced by The National Literacy Trust and can be read on line either in short burst or as you want. I hope you like it as much as I do.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

Take care and stay safe.

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 REPORTS

Teachers have finished the pupil reports. When they have all been read by Mrs. Turner and Mr. Dale they will be sent out via ParentMail as a PDF document and distributed as hard copies when we return to school.

### 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>

## More Important News

### Free School Meals families.

We will distribute vouchers for Free School Meals families on **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> 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/>)

### ZOOM – video calling

As parents are aware, staff are trying to keep up to date with you and your children. To do this we are using a product called Zoom for our video-calling. We will be using our school account for this, so you do not need to buy anything or create an account.

When we make our video call, we will always send you an email first with the video link and the time. We will never email your child asking them to join a call without you knowing, and we will never ask to 'video meet' with you or your child outside our school hours which are currently between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

To use the video link just click on the link we post in your child's Class Dojo page. Please do not share the 'sign in' details with anyone not in the class community. The browser window will open and the first time you use it, it will ask you to download the software. If you use a Zoom account for another reason, please make sure you log out of that account before your child uses it. This will make sure any settings that you have made in your account do not over-ride any that we have put in place to safeguard your child.

When we make the video call please make sure the computer is in a suitable place, not in a bedroom or bathroom for example and the background is clear, showing just the wall perhaps.

### Work packs for pupils.

If parents are struggling with support packs for their child. Please contact Mr. Dale, direct via class dojo and we will see what we are able to do to enable a pack to be made up for your child. All requests must be made by 6pm on Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>) evening. Please only make a request if you have no other means of supporting your child's learning.

### 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

### SEND Families – BBC Bitesize Whole school

BBC Bitesize are providing SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) parents resources, activities and support to help during the lockdown.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh9v382>

### 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 or [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.