



# St Patrick's RC Primary School, Dipton

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*We follow in Christ's footsteps*

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and pupils

## **Online check-ins and lessons**

If you have been following the news, you will see that a potential return date for schools in England is 8<sup>th</sup> March. We have no further details and, experience tells us, provisional plans can alter at short notice. We have to presume, therefore, that home learning will still be operating for some time yet.

Within this in mind, thank you again for those engaging with live check-in/lessons, whilst still working to upload completed activities on Purple Mash. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Prior to the commencement of the live sessions, all families agreed to the Teams protocol. A copy of this is available on our school website within the home learning section. Every parent confirmed agreement of the stated behaviour expectations via text. Please ensure you take time to share these rules with your children so all pupils are fully aware of how they should behave during online activity. If you have any uncertainty or questions regarding what is expected during the live teaching sessions, please do not hesitate to ring school for clarification.

We have a very small number of pupils who are not yet regularly accessing sessions/uploading work. Please let us know if you are having any particular difficulties with any aspects of home learning. I know we cannot solve every home learning issue, but we are determined to try to help people overcome difficulties wherever possible. Attendance and engagement are expected. It is very important that staff physically see our pupils and keep in regular contact with them during this time. This is our safeguarding responsibility.

As this week has been Children's Mental Health Week, I hope you have been finding ways to 'express yourself' creatively. Please send your photos to school by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 3pm if possible to:

[newsletter@stpatricksdipton.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@stpatricksdipton.co.uk)

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Make sure you put the books aside for a few days rest!

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess

Headteacher

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