

# KEYHAM BARTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear School Family,

A fantastic effort by all our Keyham family this week! It has been brilliant to see the children on Google Meets and for them to share their fabulous online learning!

Lockdown Learning at Keyham Barton!



In this week's Lockdown Hall of Fame we have:

Courage: Daisy & Oscar Kindness: Mason and Isaac Compassion: Alfie and Kenzie Forgiveness: Carter and Daniel A Peace: Isaac D and Patrick W-H Integrity: Jaxon and James Justice: Isabella and George

Here are some of the Keyham family, hard at work on their remote learning!





















What a variety of activities! Well done to our fantastic children and a huge thank you to all the parents and families supporting us in keeping them learning!



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#### **Key Information**

Thank you for all you are doing to keep our community safe. We ask that you continue to work with us in supporting us with keeping our Critical Worker and Vulnerable children safe.

I have shared the Government guidance for Lockdown on Facebook and the link is also here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lock down-stav-at-home

Please can I ask that you do not car or lift-share across families with children coming into school as it adds an additional laver of risk. This is especially important for our vulnerable and Critical Worker families in school. We have limited space and are distancing children in classes to keep everyone as safe as possible. We are having to prioritise places now, so where families have a parent at home, we are asking that children continue to remote learn. We still have had no positive cases at Keyham Barton and this has been due to both staff hard work and your incredible support. We are keen for this to continue to be the case and for us to be able to remain open to those families.

Please only book our After School Club and Breakfast Club if you absolutely need it and have no other means of child support. This is here solely to enable Critical Workers to work and must be booked a week in advance on the Friday of the week before you need it. We are only rota-ing staff on to meet need, so if you turn up without booking, you may find we are not open. Most people have their shift patterns and work hours several weeks in advance and we ask you to share these with us, so we can make sure we have the provision we need to support families daily. It is there for you, but we need to know in advance.

With our valuable (vulnerable) children there is a place daily and a hot meal provided every day. In this instance, we encourage these children to be in daily.

I know how hard it is. I have two children also, but like many of you, I need to work for our school family whilst supporting my own children. We're all between a rock and a hard place waiting for the day the guidance changes. In the meantime, it is very important to me that the Keyham Team and I are doing our utmost to keep everyone in our school community safe whilst providing support to critical workers.

I am aware that you will have vulnerable people in your families, as staff have in theirs and I always have this in mind when I am asking people to follow the Critical Worker and Lockdown guidance. However, I am very much looking forward to when we are able to reunite our school family again! We miss them. School is too quiet!

#### **Free School Meals**

CaterEd have been working extremely hard to produce the hampers, on reduced hours due to the fewer children in school, and we will continue with this until half term and then review. Mrs Norsworthy and her team have been nothing short of amazing! CaterEd are owned by Plymouth schools, and unlike some of the providers we have seen on the News, they are a non-profit organisation. They support local businesses and use local produce in their hampers. Each hamper is not to feed a family for a week, but to make the 5 school lunches that the child would be offered in school. There are strict Government guidelines as to the healthy food that we need to provide also. The school receives no extra money for this. It is taken from our existing Free School Meals budget, which would be £2.20 per child.

A huge thank-you to Miss Norsworthy and her team and the Keyham team who have worked together to make and deliver these!

# Laptops

Our DFE allocation arrived this week! Our wonderful Mrs Allen has organised and allocated them to all families who have requested support so we should now have all children online! If you are still struggling with this, please call the school and we can help you. Where children aren't online, we are calling to see how else we can support families, so the children aren't missing out on learning.

Like you, we only find out what is happening with schools on the national briefings. Gavin Williamson has said he will give schools 2 weeks notice before a return and, as soon as I have any information on this, I will communicate with you. The likelihood is that we will all find out at the same time!

#### **Remote Learning**

Our remote learning day is structured to support you and your families with working from home. 9:00-10:30 BREAK 11:00-12:00 LUNCH 1:00-2:30

Google Meets are Mondays and Fridays where the children get to see their classmates and teachers. We are all really enjoying these!

Let us know of any further requirements you need to get your children up and running on online learning as we are keen to support you in any way we can.

#### **COVID Symptoms**

Our Risk Assessment and original guidance still apply, especially with the rising numbers of cases.

It is vital that you get a test and isolate in the event of anyone in your family or your child showing <u>any one</u> of the 3 symptoms:

- A temperature;
- A new continuous cough lasting more than an hour, or 3 coughing episodes in a 24 hour period;
- A loss of sense of taste or smell.

  Please do not send children into school if any of those symptoms apply and please call us to let us know so we can monitor the situation in school. We still have had no cases in school and are keen to keep it that way!

#### Testing

As an extra layer of security, from next week, staff are being asked to home-test using the Lateral Flow Tests. These are being delivered next week. This is another way of ensuring schools are safe places to be.

Bear with us as this is completely new to us. If any staff test positive, we may need to isolate whole bubbles while we double-check with the PCR tests. This could mean all children from that bubble working remotely for a few days while we await results. We will be testing every Monday and Thursday morning, so if this is the case, these are the days we will be contacting you.

I don't anticipate there being any issues but forewarned is forearmed! We will only isolate bubbles if we have no other option.



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#### **WORSHIP AND LITURGY**



#### Follow Me!



In this week's Gospel, Jesus is teaching by the Sea of Galilee when he sees Andrew and his brother Simon Peter fishing. Jesus says to the brothers, 'Follow me!' Immediately, they leave their nets and follow him.

A bit further down the lake, Jesus sees James and his brother John. They are fishermen too and they are mending their nets. Jesus calls these brothers and they also leave everything and follow Jesus.

They must have seen something in Jesus to have left everything and trusted him so much to follow him.

Jesus also invites us to follow him. He doesn't mean leave home, pack your bags and literally follow him! He means that we should choose a good life, make the right choices and try to be kind and thoughtful to everyone we see. We should try to follow in Jesus' footsteps. This means doing the right thing, having the courage to challenge when we know something is unjust and working to help those around us in all that we do.

## Action

If you are asked to help this week, jump up immediately like the disciples did! It could be a friend or family member that asks for your help. Can you do the right thing and help immediately? Try that this week!

# Here are this week's Top Online Learners.



EYFS	Mason M
Y1	Mason
Y2	Lacey



Y6	Phineus
Y5	Mackenzie
Y4	Lincoln
Y3	Jesus



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Y6	Henry
Y5	Laveen
Y4	Isaac D and Patrick W-H
Y3	Oliver
Y2	Elsa and Oliver S
Y1	Emmet
EYFS	Oliver G

Please let us know if you need any further support with remote learning as we are keen to get all our children online so they do not fall behind/

Google Meet times every Monday and Friday are:

Class	Time
EYFS	1pm
Y1	10.00
Y2	11.00lf
Y3	9:00
Y4	11:30
Y5	9:30
Y6	10:30

We look forward to seeing you all then!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

# Rachael Riley

(Headteacher)