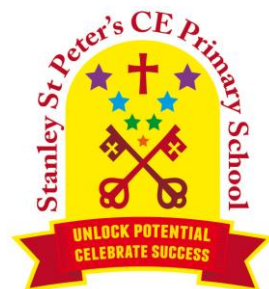


Monday, 25th January, 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

Today I write to you as a parent myself. Last week was tough. My youngest child was set an immense amount of work to be completed by his college, and whilst he is somewhat older than your children attending Stanley St Peter's, I can assure you that keeping a teenager engaged and motivated to do his home learning whilst I am not even there - I have to work in school full time and often work late into the evening - has been immensely challenging.

I have had a number of emails from parents this week saying how difficult they are finding it so I just wanted to let you know that I really do understand and that there are lots of other parents that feel the same as you. You are not alone!

I suppose my main reason for writing to you is to say **WELL DONE!** You are in the midst of pandemic! Whatever your personal circumstances, we think you are doing a great job.

We know we have got high expectations here at Stanley St Peter's and we've set a lot of work for your child to complete each day. Our staff are recording video lessons, and trying to home school their own children too – we get it! It's incredibly difficult trying to hold down a job, earn a living and home school at the same time.

All we ask is that you do your **very best** to ensure your child completes their home learning. It should, for the majority of children, be accessible without the need for help from you. If you are struggling with behaviour management, please let our staff know and they will talk to your child and offer incentives. I will even come and do a home visit to speak to your child if you think it will help!

Finally, could I ask that you please answer your phone when you receive a call from a withheld number. The majority of the staff that are making welfare calls are working from home so have to withhold their number when they call. If we are unable to contact you, I have to conduct a home visit (to ensure that everyone is safe and well). If you would prefer to call the office each week to let school know that everything is OK, rather than receiving a welfare call, please let us know and we can arrange this (although, our staff may still contact you if they believe your child needs support with their home learning).

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

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