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The St Mark's Newsletter

25th January 2021

'A school where children develop the passion to learn, the skills and knowledge to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

Parent Survey

Many thanks for your contributions to our recent parent survey. This gives us a helpful insight into how families are managing with remote learning at home and provides us with useful suggestions for how we can continue to support the teaching and learning of children whilst they are at home.

Google Meet and video lessons for children in Years 1-6

It is great to see many children joining their live Google Meet lessons with their teachers and classmates each day. From the survey it appears as though not all of our children are accessing these useful meetings. If your child has not yet been involved in a Google Meet with their class teacher, please try this week. In addition to the live meetings, teachers have now begun to post short recorded lessons of themselves for some lesson, modelling expectations and providing explanations for their classes.

No Screen Day

We are pleased to announce that Friday 29th January will be a **'NO SCREEN DAY.'** Teachers will provide students with work and challenges, but it will all be non-screen based, in order to give our children time away from their screens. More details will be sent out later this week.

Daily Collective Worship

It has been wonderful to see up to 100 children participating in our daily, remote collective worship assemblies. Our theme for Term 3 is 'Flourishing Digitally' and we are providing children with guidance for how to behave and safely navigate the internet.

Events for parents

Apologies that we have needed to change some of the dates in our calendar (see page 2). Our parents evenings have been pushed back to the week after half term. Also on the next page you will find details of parents workshops and a coffee morning for parents with children who are on the ASD spectrum.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Flourishing Digitally — Online bullying and Managing our emotions

BIBLE VERSE

"It is not good to eat too much honey, nor is it honourable to search out matters that are too deep. Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control ."

Proverbs 25:27-28

Highest level of work completion last week

Juniper Class — 64%
Oak Class — 65%
Olive Class — 89%
Palm Class — 92%
Sycamore Class — 75%
Willow Class — 86%

WELL DONE!

A big congratulations again to children and families across the school for managing to complete so much work during last week and for engaging so well with your learning

KEY SCHOOL DATES FOR TERM 3	
DATE	**DETAILS**
Friday 29th January 2021	**No Screen Day - A range of activities will be sent out for children to participate in without the use of a screen**
Thurs 4th Feb 2021	**Parents Workshop for ASD parents— 9.30 to 11.00 am**
Weds 10th Feb 2021	**'Managing your child's anxiety ' parent workshop with the school's Educational Psychologist and Mrs Moses 4.30 to 5.30 pm**
Thurs 11th Feb 2021	**Virtual Coffee Morning with Mrs Moses 10 to 11 am**
Weds 10th Feb 2021	**Year 3 Ancient China Day**
Friday 12th Feb 2021	**St Mark's Day– Details to follow**
Mon 15th Feb 2021—Fri 19th Feb	**Half term**
Weds 24th Feb 2021	**Parents Evening**
Thursday 25th Feb 2021	**Parents Evening**

SCHOOL FOOD MATTERS

We are very pleased to be working with the school food matters charity who provide us with a small number of weekly food hampers for families in need. If you have a need for additional food, please email the office on

admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk

and we will make contact with you.

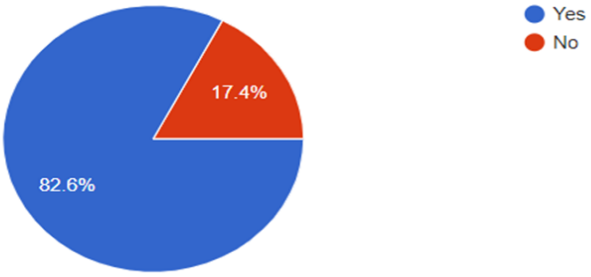
Feedback from our parent survey

Thank you to all the parent's who responded to the Parent Survey on Remote Learning.

Remote learning is a challenging situation for us all however overall feedback from parents has proved positive. Please see below a sample of you responses.

Has your child engaged daily with Google Classroom so far?

46 responses



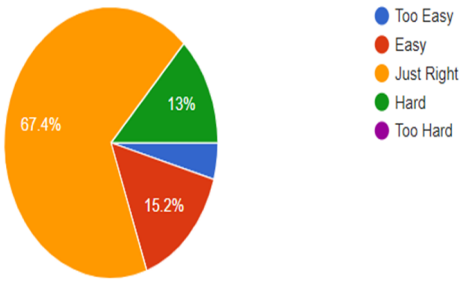
If No to the above question, what has been the reason for not engaging with Google Classroom?

10 responses

- Difficult to navigate at first. Having to work from home and teach at the same time isn't realistic. Unsure how to upload work. Unable to join google meet as wrong passcode has been given. Unable to to reach school.
- We missed a few days at the start but he engages daily now
- Poor internet connection
- they are fine and love to be engage however it is difficulted, they do not have enough room I live in one bedroom flat and there is several dame issue,
- the reason is that we cannot enter the classroomcurse
- They have not been set work
- internet does not work well
- My child uses Tapestry

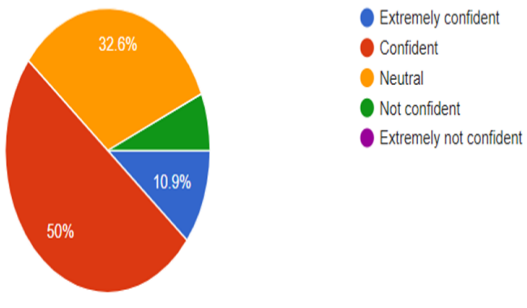
How is your child finding the work on Google Classroom?

46 responses



How confident is your child/children with using Google Classroom?

46 responses



Feedback from our parent survey

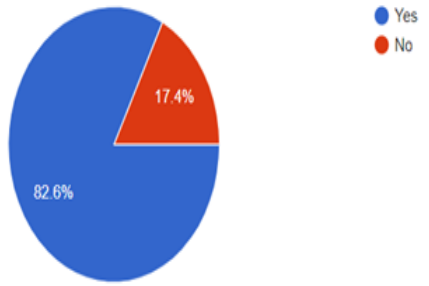
What has been working well for your child?

46 responses

- He generally likes being on the computer
- The opportunity to be creative and incorporate own interests with his work.
- That she's familiarising herself with using a computer
- speaking to my self my kids are twins young kids very hard to get their concentration they feel bored easily but the activities are very good they love each videos when it comes to write and read a bit lack of concentration we are working on it .
- Seeing your peers every day is rewarding
- That she can communicate with her teacher through private chat, also the teacher replies quite quickly.
- He improved his computing skills
- English lessons

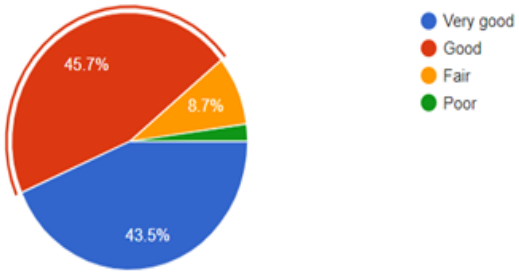
Is your child motivated to complete their work?

46 responses



How would you describe your child's mental health?

46 responses



Other Feedback from Parents

… Maybe a briefing meeting with parents on Monday's to talk through methods

… Send encouraging words to parent and child to motivate at this difficult time

Send some non screen based work as Sometimes work isn't completed due to too much screen time and tiredness

It would be nice to have live lessons for them

Nothing to suggest. The school is doing great

School Updates

Request a place for Vulnerable and Key Worker Children

We have experienced an increase in the number of requests for places at school for vulnerable children and those of critical key workers. Limited spaces are available to offer over the next few weeks in order to maintain the safety of children and staff. If you are eligible and would like your child to return to school please contact the school office (admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk) to request the online form. Places will confirmed to you by the Friday of your request.

Please note—You do not need to reapply for a place if your child is already in school

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Free School Meal Vouchers (FSM)

FSM Vouchers will be sent to all eligible parents from Schoolvouchers.com via email every Monday until the school reopens. If you are having any difficultly accessing your vouchers, please contact the School office between 12pm and 3pm for assistance.

If your circumstances have recently changed and you wish to apply for FSM, please send your **FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH** and **NI NUMBER** to admin@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk so your eligibility can be checked at

School Maintenance Fund Contributions 2020-21

As our school is almost 200 years old, regular work needs to be carried out to ensure that the building remains in good condition all of the time. Your annual contributions to the School Maintenance Fund play a crucial part in supporting and ensuring that work can be done when needed and we can benefit from additional special grants. We hope to raise money for a

It would help us greatly if you could contribute an amount of **£24 per child** which covers this academic year from September 2020 – July 2021. A payment option called **School Maintenance Fund 2020/21** is available on ParentPay for the contribution to be paid. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Remote Learning Engagement

Miss Natasha will be making daily contact with those children who have not submitted work or engaged with lessons each day. The call will be made from a Private Number. Please sure you make every effort to answer the call and use the opportunity to discuss any issues that you may be having so Miss Natasha can help to support you.

Please take note of our Google Classroom guidance for pupils, parents and staff

Appendix A Safety Guidance for Pupils, Parents and Staff using Google Classroom

Pupils

- I will make sure I am appropriately dressed during video calls and will not appear in pyjamas
- I will not post comments that others could consider to be rude or disrespectful or unkind
- I will Follow my teacher's instructions during live meetings
- If I become aware of any meeting links that are open or I can access areas beyond my restricted areas, I will Immediately bring this to the attention of a parent or a member of staff
- I will use Google Classroom for educational purposes and not for things that it is not intended for
- I will not share my username and password with anyone except my parents or guardians
- I will only use activities that a teacher or suitable adult has told or allowed me to use
- I will not distract the learning of others by changing my background during live lessons

Parents

- I will regularly monitor my child's online activity during their remote learning
- I will ensure my child has regular breaks and time away from the screen during the day
- I will ensure no other family members appear on camera during my child's online lessons
- I will ensure nothing inappropriate is displayed or disclosed in the background when my child appears in live lessons

Staff

- I will only use the school's email / Internet / Network and any related technologies for professional purposes or for uses deemed 'reasonable by the Head of School / Governing Body.
- I will not disclose any passwords provided to me by the school or other related authorities.
- I will ensure that all electronic communications with pupils and staff are compatible with my professional role
- I will only use the approved, secure email system(s) for any school business.
- I will ensure that personal data is kept secure and is used appropriately, whether in school, taken off the school premises or accessed remotely.
- I will not browse, download or upload or send material that could be considered offensive or illegal.
- Images of pupils will only be taken and used for professional purposes and will not be distributed outside the school network without the permission of the parent/ carer.
- I understand that all my use of the Internet and other related technologies can be monitored and logged and can be made available, on request, to my headteacher.
- I will respect copyright and intellectual property rights.
- I will support and promote the school's e-Safety policy and help pupils to be safe and responsible in their use of ICT and related technologies.
- I will control settings that restrict children's ability to access meetings or post comments without the supervision of an adult

School Contacts

We hope this information is useful and will help parents to communicate with us

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Year 3 – Miss Buchanan Olive Class	obuchanan@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk
Year 4 – Mrs Mullen Palm Class	hmullen@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk
Year 5 – Miss Hankins Sycamore Class	ehankins@st-markscofe.lambeth.sch.uk
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