

Dear Parents,

I would firstly like to thank you all for your kind words to my staff and myself following the government's announcement earlier this week. A massive thankyou for your support in setting up MS Teams to allow your children to continue their learning remotely from home. Despite some initial technical glitches every child has continued their learning journey this week. This in itself is a massive success. Teachers are trying, as much as possible, to replicate the high quality curriculum delivered daily in classrooms and this has been a significant shift from lockdown #1.

I hope by completing work in their usual books you as parents, will be able to see the high expectations we have, as well as your child's previous learning. However please be aware that marking in books has not been as comprehensive as previously, due to social distancing measures in place in classrooms.

We have made sure that any MS Teams information sent out to parents in the past is also on the school website, should you need it.

You may have heard in the news that this years Sats have been cancelled. We receive this news with mixed emotions. Sats for many children can be stressful but this is also an opportunity for children to demonstrate their learning. We are yet to know the finer details but will ensure for our children transitioning to secondary in September, that their new schools know how brilliant they are!

As always, thank you for your on-going support as we navigate this difficult time. I cannot thank parents, staff and pupils enough for their hard work, flexibility and pure commitment for adapting so quickly to changes.

Despite difficulties, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Tustain

## Attendance

Every day we will be keeping a register of those children of critical workers attending school as well as those children who are logged-in remotely at home.

If you know that your child is ill or for whatever reason will not be logging-on to their remote learning, please can you inform the school office in the usual way, by leaving a message on the school answer phone.

If we do not know where your child is, we will contact you to ensure the family are safe and well.

Thank you for your support



## Family Support Worker

We are extremely fortunate that we continue to have fortnightly support from Gaynor Winsor our Family Support Worker.

Gaynor has a wealth of experience supporting the needs of families and offers a friendly face and a listening ear. If you are feeling anxious or worried, please let us know and we will put you in touch.



## Vodafone SIMS Card-Please don't forget

Vodafone have kindly allocated our school a number of SIMS cards, providing the user with 30GB of data for 90 days from the time of registration.

These are available to anyone needing assistance in accessing remote learning; your device will need to be unlocked or already registered to Vodafone. Please contact the office for more details.



## Using Teams to Communicate with Class

Don't forget that you can ask questions and discuss work with your class teacher or TA via the chat element in Teams.

Information regarding remote learning can be found on our school website via the below link:

[Remote Learning - Plympton St Maurice Primary School \(plympton-st-maurice-primary.org.uk\)](https://www.plympton-st-maurice-primary.org.uk)



## COULD YOU HELP US UNDERSTAND CHILDREN'S IMMUNE RESPONSE TO COVID-19?



You are invited to take part in a study looking at how children's immune systems respond to COVID-19, and to vaccines for other infectious diseases. The study is being run by **University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust**, and the **Oxford Vaccine Group** which is part of the **University of Oxford**.



If you/your child are/is aged 0-19 you may be able to volunteer.  
We are especially looking for people from the following postcode areas:

**Plymouth and Surrounding Areas**

The main study is just 1 visit, a blood sample, approximately 45 mins of your time.

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