



Friday 15th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am just writing to say that I hope you are all as well as can be expected and are coping OK during this latest lockdown.

I need to let you know that I am in a very difficult 'catch 22' situation with having to ask parents to keep children at home, whilst at the same time believing that the best place for children to be is at school! I feel like King Solomon ~ but without his wisdom!

It's very difficult for everyone and I fully empathise and sympathise with all parents who may be finding home learning challenging.

The staff here are also all in exactly the same situation.

The staff are video calling their own children at home each lunchtime to try and assist with their home learning. We have all left a spouse or partner at home who is trying to 'work from home' and juggle home schooling at the same time. It's really very difficult!

We are all getting home to un-loaded dishwashers, un-walked dogs and children who haven't completed their school work. Not to mention exhausted spouses!

My own youngest son is trying to convince me he can now do 5 hours of school work in half an hour.....and he texts me regularly to inform me that there is no food in the house!!

If I said yes to every one of the requests for places that I receive, the school would be nearly full. This means there would be no way we could continue to provide our online learning.

Our online learning offer is outstanding. I am extremely proud of the teachers and support staff who were ready to switch to online lessons within minutes of the government's announcement. It is important for you to know that the children who are at school are receiving EXACTLY the same lessons as the children at home ~ as the children at school are working online.

I want to get back to normal. I want the children back in. But I want to help eradicate the virus more.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support of St George's.

Dee Statham

Headteacher