

Message to parents from Elizabeth Kitcatt 2nd July.

I hope you are well and able to plan for a rest and, perhaps, a change of scene over the summer. Thank you for your many messages of support for what the school is doing, they really cheer us up and reassure us that much of what we are doing to provide home learning is working well. Some parents have also let us know when things aren't working so well and we have done our best to address concerns. This is new territory for us all and we know that we need to keep reflecting on our provision and improving it.

### **Help your child with online learning**

A reminder that we placed two guides for parents on our website after lockdown:

- Google Classroom - a parents' guide
- Arrangements for online teaching and learning

My letter to parents of 27th April also provides an overview of online learning at CSG.

These are all attached to this email.

### **September**

We are expecting further guidance from the DFE about arrangements in schools for September; it should be published later this week. Once we receive it, we will need to look carefully at how we will implement the guidance in our school. This will inevitably take time. Please be assured that I will contact you as soon as I am able to provide clarity about our provision in the Autumn Term.

We know that, in September, we will be finding out what help students need in terms of making a transition back into school, catching up on missed learning and consolidating existing knowledge. They may also need support with well-being and mental health. We are already making plans to ensure that we are able to find out what students need and start to provide it as soon as possible in the new term.

### **Keeping children safe online – updated guidance, EEF support for parents.**

The DfE has updated [guidance](#) for parents and carers about keeping children safe online. New information on apps has been added.

The BBC have a website and app called [Own It](#). The website has a lot of content for children to help them navigate their online lives, and the free smartphone app comes with a special keyboard which can intervene with help and support in the moments that children need it the most.

[SafeToNet](#) is an app for parents to help them safeguard their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, whilst respecting their child's rights to privacy. The SafeToNet Foundation is providing UK families with free access to 1 million licences during coronavirus.

The EEF has published [support resources to share with parents](#) - please follow the link. Quite a bit of this relates to primary years but there is some advice about Key Stage Three as well.

With best wishes to you all,

Elizabeth Kitcatt