

### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone is managing to stay active, healthy and entertained at this unusual time.

St Botolph's continues to be the Gravesham hub school for the Trust, open for vulnerable children and those who have parents employed as keyworkers in roles critical to the government's response to the Covid19 crisis and who have absolutely no alternative.

Thank you for continuing to support your children with their home learning — most of you seem to be managing brilliantly! The Take One Olympic project has been a great success, allowing children to work together to produce some brilliant work—thank you! Please don't forget to get in touch if you are having any problems.

Let's all keep our fingers crossed that we will have some positive news very soon on when schools can reopen and we can return to being the St Botolph's that we know and love.

Wishing everyone a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. Enjoy the VE Day celebrations!

Kind regards,

Amy Chitty  
Head Teacher

### FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

There continues to be delays in the issuing of the free school meal vouchers, which unfortunately is out of our hands. Hopefully, everyone who is eligible for the vouchers has now received them. Please contact the School Office if you are still experiencing problems.

Just a reminder that only children eligible for free school meals under the Pupil Premium Grant are able to receive vouchers, ie, those children with parents who receive certain benefits.

To check to see if you are eligible to claim free school meals, please visit: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/apply>. If your application is successful, the school will be informed and we will arrange for vouchers to be sent to you.



Dear Parents

Unfortunately, in these uncertain times, we have had to make the sad decision to cancel all of our forthcoming events for this academic year. Any money already received for planned events will go towards provisions for our pupils or may be carried forward to future events.

Hoping to see everyone very soon.

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### GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

Don't forget to keep following Government guidance so that we can all get back to normal as quickly as possible.

For more advice on what you can and cannot do, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

For guidance on handwashing visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care on 0800 046 8687.

### Important Email addresses:-

During the school closure, you can contact our staff via email at the addresses below:-

General enquiries:- [office@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk)  
Safeguarding:- [headteacher@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk)  
[senco@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:senco@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk)  
IT problems:- [assistanthead@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:assistanthead@st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk)

We will do our best to reply within 24 hours.

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