

ST PETER'S SCHOOL

Barcelona, March 17th. 2020.

Dear families,

We would like to thank you for all your support and cooperation in the special situation we find ourselves in.

It has been heart-warming to see how quickly everyone has responded to a new reality and there is a real sense of togetherness despite being separated physically from friends and family.

As a school, we would like to thank all families for their understanding and cooperation as we put our home-schooling plan into practice. There will undoubtedly be some teething problems as we learn to adapt to new ways of working, so please let us know if you are encountering any difficulties and we will do our best to remedy this as soon as we can.

The staff are delighted with the way in which students have shown such enthusiasm on the first day of virtual classes and taken part with all the activities we have proposed. The response from staff has also been exemplary, we are all becoming far more flexible and creative than we ever knew we could be and we will do our best to support our students in their learning, even though we cannot be at their sides.

Over the coming days you will receive more and more information from your class teachers. This will be in the form of activities which can be carried out at home. Older children can work on this on their own, but the younger ones may need some help and supervision from an adult. If this is the case we will be arranging contact sessions with families so that we can provide input and support and guide parents who may be trying some of these activities for the first time.

Each cycle has organised their schedule to meet the individual needs of their particular age groups, so the demands upon children and adults will vary accordingly, and you should rely upon the instructions you receive from your child's teacher about what is required and when. We will be providing structure for the day, but aiming to be flexible enough to take into account the individual needs of families wherever possible, so you may see variations in the types of tasks which we ask children to complete.

However, you are not alone. As a school, we are here to answer your questions and to support you. We understand how important it is for your child to continue their close links with school during this temporary closure. So, in addition to the varied timetable of subjects with specialist teachers which we will continue to provide, they will also be in constant touch with all members of staff, from learning assistants to members of the Support Centre who will continue to oversee the children under their supervision.

It is a privilege to form a part of such a closely-knit community.

Kind regards,

Jane Mitchell-Smith
Head of Lower School

