



22nd January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe in this difficult time. We are now halfway through the Spring Term and hopefully in a routine with home learning. Firstly, may I say we are all finding this hard at present and trying to do our best for the children in our care. There have been many lovely moments of learning shared, children showing real resilience and dedication, and online meetings with children learning and enjoying social time. Thank you for your support with home learning and we appreciate the pressures we are all under in balancing work, learning and life at present.

As we move forward, staff continue to work hard to keep things fresh and try different approaches to enthuse the children. We are, however, concerned about screen time for the children and having the right balance. There are paper packs available for the children and if you want one printed; we can either deliver the pack or it can be picked up from school. Please ring the office if this is something you would require.

On Friday 29th January, we as a school are going to take part in '**No Screen Day**'. This will be for children in all year groups to participate in, with a range of activity ideas set out. They will have the choice to complete 4 sessions looking at different skills. On the Monday afterwards (1st Feb) staff will then have some online time with the children to allow them to share things they have done. Staff will also have an off-screen day with time to prepare for the following weeks. We will be available for Tweets and to share activities at the end of the day either post pictured to head@st-andrews.lincs.sch.uk or Tweet @LeasStAndrews.

Finally, As I am sure you are aware, the government have introduced asymptomatic (COVID)-19 testing for all staff working in primary schools. This will start next week. All our existing measures and controls will continue to be rigorously applied to enable the safest possible environment. The addition of testing is to help maintain the continuity of education through the pandemic.

Yours sincerely

Mr D W Hodgson