

# Cornerstone Church of England (VA) Primary School

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*Building our Community with Love, Forgiveness and Hope  
Growing an Inspirational Learning Community*

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## Class Social Online Meets

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to explain our plans for an opportunity for a weekly online social catch up between the children in the class and their teacher for next academic year. I appreciate and share the disappointment of parents of children in Years 2-4, that we have been unable to organise for your children to safely return to school for some days this term, and I also recognise that this will be a significant amount of time that the children will have spent away from school.

Thank you for all your support for your child with their Home Learning over this extensive period of time, and for the way you and your child have used the Gmail / 2Mail routes to stay in contact with your class teacher.

**Starting from the week beginning 22 June**, we would like to offer you another opportunity for your child to stay connected with their class and their teacher for next year. During this period of time we have been trialling various aspects of **Microsoft Teams** as a school approved online platform. Mr Penfold has tried the use of it with his Y6 class last half-term, and we plan to use this platform to run a weekly online Social Meeting.

Year R	Mrs Lamey	Wednesday	1 pm
Year 1	Miss Butcher	Wednesday	3 pm
Year 2	Miss Pretty / Mrs Specht	Wednesday	11 am
Year 3	Mr Penfold	Wednesday	2 pm
Year 4	Mrs Phippen	Tuesday	1 pm
Year 5	Miss Goddard	Wednesday	10 am

You will receive an email with a link to click on at the allocated time on the allocated days. Please be aware that you will not be able to join the meeting prior to the member of staff who is hosting it opening the meeting, and at the end you will be asked to sign out, so that the teacher is the final person to sign out and close the meeting.

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Please be aware this is not an online lesson. The staff will start with a short game, then share a story with the class, and then ask each of the children to share something they have enjoyed doing over the past 7 days. Please also be aware this is not the forum to ask the member of staff questions about the Home Learning or plans for next year: this is purely a social gathering to help your child feel connected. If you have questions about the Home Learning please email your child's teacher on Gmail or 2Mail.

You will be able to access this meeting on any device with an internet connection. You can access Microsoft Teams on your web browser or you can download the App if you wish. Please can we ask that you and your child keep their microphone muted, until the teacher asks them to speak. I have personally trialled this technology with the staff by running a staff quiz, and not asking them to mute their microphones was my biggest error!

I will be asking the staff to make sure that they are in a room without other people, and either to have a plain background or to blur their background. I would recommend you taking similar actions with your child, although obviously please make sure that there is an adult present with them throughout the call.

We hope that this additional weekly communication is safe, enjoyable and helpful for your child.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Clarke  
Headteacher

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