



# Purley Church of England (VC) Primary School

**"Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14**

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Dear parents,



I am so proud of the staff at Purley School who have worked tirelessly to provide learning support to all our children. The quality of the provision and work through Google classroom has been of a very high standard.

The key worker/ vulnerable group have enjoyed being at school. At the start, I think it that they had a shock that they had to come to school but by now, they are pleased to have the structure and friendships as well as being supported with their learning. Those year groups who have returned recently seem to really enjoy being back in the classroom with their friends

and teachers as well.

According to the science the risk for children is extremely low, in fact on the radio yesterday they compared it to the risk of being struck by lightning. This however is not true for staff, who are at a far greater risk.



I would love to hear from any of you who would like to comment on the provision provided by the school. As you know, we have to prove everything, and it would be lovely to include your comments on our self-evaluation. Do we deserve a well done sticker? Conversely, if there is anything we need to improve, please let us know.



Moving forward, you are most probably aware that it is up to individual schools to organise the rest of the term. We would dearly love to see all the children at some point before the holidays. We are offering this to support the mental well-being of the children. There will be an opportunity for them to meet their friends and see their teacher. Children will be celebrated for what they have achieved during lockdown; there will also be support for those who have found accessing work a challenge.

In order for us to plan what is possible, I will need a definite commitment whether you would send your child into school or not. These plans would also be dependent on staff availability. We will be able to offer each child at least two days face to face teaching during the last four weeks of term, maybe more, dependent on the numbers. Look out for the Parentmail form.

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I am very pleased to congratulate Mrs Pickering on successfully gaining her SENDCo accreditation and Mrs Jones for her Qualified Teacher Status. Both have persevered and worked very hard to qualify very highly.

Other school staff have also accessed shorter training courses. They have included developing vocabulary and child mental health.

Do you love quizzes? I have taken part in a weekly online family quiz since the lockdown started, which I thoroughly enjoy. Maybe you would like to subscribe to the following which landed in my in box recently.



#### REGISTERING TO TAKE PART

*If parents wish to book their children in to take part in the regular quizzes, please direct them to <https://www.quizclub.org/live-online-quizzes>. The cost of entry for a family is based on a household, so multiple children in the same family can all play without any additional cost. The cost per week for all the live quizzes (and the recorded versions) is £6 + vat per family or a monthly pass for all the live and narrated quizzes in the month can be purchased for £20 + vat per family.*



Berkshire Healthcare is launching a new School Nursing advice and support line for children, young people and their families, to offer health advice and referral into the service for on-going support if needed. The line will be available from 9am-4.30pm Monday to Friday.

You can access this service by dialing 0118 9312111 and selecting 'Option 4' to speak to a School Nurse from the team.

We have two live job adverts on our website. Please direct anyone you know who could be interested. They are for a School Business Manager and a Cleaner.

<https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=17>



Finally, I know that this pandemic has had an impact on everyone's lives, in so many ways. The uncertainty is causing a lot of stress. There will be those among you rushed off their feet juggling everything and others suffering boredom and job uncertainty. We are here to support you if we possibly can.

Karen Fakes

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