

# St. Clement's governor blog

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Hello,

What a strange few weeks we've all had since my last blog post. The coronavirus has hit & we've all gone into lockdown & things have felt very unpredictable and a bit scary! I hope you & your families have all been safe and to those of you who may have lost friends or family members in this pandemic I am so very sorry and want to pass on my condolences.

The full governing body has continued to meet online throughout the lockdown to keep up to date with what's going on at school and support the leadership during this challenging time. The finance committee has also met to discuss & approve the budget for next year.

I'd like to thank all of you for the support for the school during this difficult time, both in person/via dojo & by supporting your children with their learning from home. It is safe to say that I have learnt during lockdown, that teaching is definitely not one of my skills! Home learning has certainly had its ups & downs & there have been plenty of days where neither myself or my daughters want to do it. But, I'm sure you will all agree that the staff at St. Clement's have been amazing at providing work for the children & have been a real support when or if it's been needed.

On behalf of the rest of the governing body I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have worked so hard providing work for our children, communicating with parent/carers via dojo, getting out in the community, delivering food parcels & visiting families & working hard to organise the meal vouchers which have proved quite difficult. We all appreciate how hard you are working!

It doesn't stop there. I'm sure most of you are aware that the government hopes to be able to open schools from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June IF they feel it is safe to do so. I know Mrs Parker has sent out a dojo communicating our possible plans & her (& our) biggest priority is the safety & well-being of the children, the staff & all their families so it may look different to what the government have suggested. There has been a lot in the media about it all over the last week and I think many parents are understandably nervous about the idea of sending their children back to school & there will be no pressure, judgement or consequence regarding parent/carers decisions around this from St.Clement's. The governors are meeting with Mrs Parker this week to discuss the plans further & Mrs Parker will keep you up to date with all this. Again, it is everyone's safety that is our biggest priority.

I hope you all stay safe & I'm looking forward to the time when the wonderful St.Clements community can all be back together in person.

